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to the Commission**

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Subject: Imposition of US trade tariffs in connection with the Airbus dispute

The US Department of Commerce is reviewing the measures taken following the Airbus/Boeing dispute. On 6 December, the US administration launched a public consultation to assess which of the products already affected by duties should continue to be taxed, and whether any additional duties of 100 % should be imposed on a second product list, which unfortunately includes most European wines.

In the case of Italian wines, exports to the US market are strategic. Given that Italy is not involved in the Airbus dispute, a new wave of duties could have a serious impact on an industry whose trade flow is worth EUR 1.5 billion and which, in the first 9 months of 2019, saw its exports grow by 5.9 %.

- 1 What measures does the Commission intend to take to protect the wine sector from this threat, possibly by enabling the sanctions to be shifted to the sectors actually involved in the dispute?
- 2 With regard to the recent establishment of the Commission, the position of Commissioners Hogan and Wojciechowski on the protection of the agri-food sector is not yet known. Can the Commission say whether and how it is working with the US authorities to abolish existing duties and prevent additional ones?