

**Question for written answer E-003247/2019
to the Commission**
Rule 138
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Subject: Imposition of US trade tariffs and establishing an ad hoc protection fund

The World Trade Organisation has given the green light for the USA to begin levying EUR 6.8 billion in tariffs on EU products from 18 October.

The damage to Italian exports is estimated at EUR 1 billion. Italian companies have already been severely hit, to the tune of around EUR 12 billion, by trade sanctions against Russia. Furthermore, these tariffs will encourage counterfeiting, including so-called 'Italian sounding' products, leading to long-term damage.

Does the Commission therefore intend to propose the introduction of a fund to safeguard EU production, which would be able to offset the direct and indirect costs caused by the imposition of these tariffs?