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Subject: Columbian anti-dumping measures on EU frozen fries

In November 2018, Columbia imposed anti-dumping measures on frozen fries imported from Belgium, Germany and the Netherlands.

European producers, the Commission, Member State authorities and trade associations have repeatedly pointed out procedural shortcomings and other significant flaws in the investigation carried out by Colombia, ranging from the way the investigation was initiated to the methodology used and the conclusions drawn.

- What steps could the Commission take to challenge the anti-dumping duties on frozen potato products such as fries imposed by Columbia, given that Chapter 2, Article 42 of the Free Trade Agreement (FTA) between the EU and Colombia and Peru excludes anti-dumping measures from the agreement's dispute settlement?
- 2. Why has the Commission so far refrained from challenging Colombia's decision, for example by bringing a case before the World Trade Organisation (WTO)?
- 3. What steps does the Commission intend to take to ensure that countries such as Columbia respect the rules and purpose of the WTO anti-dumping agreement?

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