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Subject: Doubts about Temu's economic and financial situation and its failure to comply with the Digital Services Act (DSA)

An investigation by the Financial Times has revealed the economic and financial situation of the Chinese holding company PDD, which controls the e-commerce platform Temu. It seems that over the past year it garnered USD 38 billion, but at the same time has raised eyebrows owing to its decision not to pay dividends to shareholders, leading to a 31 % loss in the value of its shares, which seriously impacted on small-scale investors in particular. Added to this is its very murky economic and financial situation and issues concerning the way it treats its employees and suppliers. These considerations raise many doubts as to whether this company is falling into line with European Community rules.

Last June, the Commission added Temu to the list of very large online platforms (VLOP) under the DSA, giving it until the end of September to comply with the rules on these, but so far the platform seems to have ignored all its guidelines.

In view of the above:

- 1. Is the Commission aware of this company's economic and financial situation, and has it detected any breaches of the rules?
- 2. If so, does the Commission not consider that the production and quality standards applicable to European producers should be protected by limiting access to this platform in the EU?

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