Question for written answer E-002790/2024 to the Commission Rule 144 Jadwiga Wiśniewska (ECR)

Subject: Unfair competition from Chinese pushchair manufacturers – need for EU action to

protect the internal market

The European pushchair industry is in a critical juncture as a result of unfair Chinese competition and a lack of EU action.

Almost all pushchairs produced in the EU come from the region of Częstochowa in the province of Silesia, where the entire supply chain is concentrated, making us independent of foreign ties and lowering our carbon footprint. These companies are SMEs – family-run businesses on which the competitiveness of the European economy is based and which should be given special protection by the EU.

The Chinese Government uses protectionist policies to subsidise domestic producers at every stage of production and distribution. Chinese companies benefit from low tariffs to the EU (2.7%), while exports to China are subject to 25% tariffs. In view of consumers' economic patriotism, Chinese companies are labelling their products, which are merely assembled in the EU, as European. After the Russian invasion, European producers lost their position in the eastern markets and Chinese companies took their place.

In this connection:

- 1. Will the Commission introduce rules on the labelling of products as made in the EU so that they do not include products that are merely assembled in the EU?
- 2. Is the Commission planning to take action with a view to protecting the internal market by compensating for the unfair competition from Chinese companies and, in this connection, is it planning to open an investigation into the operations of Chinese pushchair manufacturers?
- 3. Does the Commission plan to introduce rules to mitigate the effects of the closure of eastern markets for European pushchair manufacturers?

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