

**Question for written answer E-005451/2014  
to the Commission**  
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Subject: Market access and reciprocity clauses between European and non-EU companies

The EU market is wide open to international competition, which reflects our efforts to encourage free trade. It should be pointed out that many third countries are reluctant to open their own markets up to European businesses. This is a particularly problematic issue with China, which employs dumping tactics to sell products below cost on the European market, thus producing international price discrimination. European companies therefore find themselves at a disadvantage or, in any event, there is a lack of reciprocity as regards market access conditions, compared with the main non-European players. What is more, non-European companies often import products within the European market which fall outside of European quality, consumer health and environmental and social protection standards.

In light of the above, can the Commission answer the following questions:

1. Can it provide a general European framework indicating the lack of conditions of reciprocity concerning access to markets in third countries for European businesses?
2. Does it intend to take steps to ensure access to non-European markets for European businesses and, if so, how?
3. Can it indicate which market sectors are most affected by unfair competition and dumping and which thus need greater EU protection from competition from non-European businesses?
4. Does it intend to take steps to ensure access to the Chinese market for European businesses and, if so, how?