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Drastic reduction in fertiliser production and closure of production facilities in Subject: Grupa Azoty companies

The European market, including Poland, has been and is being flooded with fertilisers from Russia and Belarus that have been made using cheap Russian gas, leaving Polish producers, including Grupa Azoty, Europe's second largest producer of nitrate and multi-component fertilisers, unable to compete. The halting of fertiliser production in Grupa Azoty companies has led to a lack of demand for the basic raw material for fertiliser production, which is sulphur. This has resulted in the closure of hundreds of facilities and companies producing fertiliser, and consequently to large-scale redundancies. It is therefore essential that prohibitive tariffs on the unchecked flow of food and fertilisers into Europe and Poland be reintroduced, as this situation poses a real threat to the continued existence of Grupa Azotv and, above all, to Europe's food security.

## Questions:

- 1. Is action being taken to tackle the monopolisation of fertiliser by Russia and Belarus?
- 2. When will tariffs be imposed on fertilisers of Russian and Belarusian origin?

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