

**Priority question for written answer P-002327/2023
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: Import duties on printed circuit boards, their intermediate products and raw materials

In the printed circuit board (PCB) industry, especially in PCB placement, the component supply chain is currently highly dependent on Asian markets, and particularly on China. It is in the European interest to reduce these dependencies for the sake of de-risking and to strengthen the EU's strategic autonomy. However, the Union's current customs tariffs undermine this policy objective. While imports of finished PCBs from China are not subject to import duties, imports of raw materials for the production of PCB intermediate products are subject to duties of up to 6.5%. The United States is currently imposing an import duty of up to 25% on finished PCBs.

1. What is the Commission's assessment of the impact of its current tariffs on the development of domestic PCB production in the EU?
2. Is the Commission planning to re-assess the customs tariffs relating to raw materials for PCBs and finished PCBs? If so, what is the envisioned timeline?

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