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Reply of the Danish Government on the public consultation on the initiative on modernisation of trade defence instruments

The Danish government welcomes the initiative on modernisation of trade defence instruments and is looking forward to the coming modernisation process and detailed discussions with Member States.

The Danish government sees trade defence instruments as an important tool in regulating international trade and securing fair global competition according to WTO rules. However, it is the Danish position that the instruments should be used with great caution. The Danish government therefore believes that it is important that the modernisation process does not result in a reform of the instruments which lowers the standards for initiating investigations and imposing measures.

Predictability is important for the European industry when making business decisions. The Danish government therefore believes that it is important that the modernisation process is used to increase transparency and predictability of the investigations and investigation methods, for the benefit of the European industry be it producers, importers or users of the product concerned.

To ensure that the European Commission is able to conduct thorough investigations, participation of the interested parties is of great importance. The Danish government therefore believes that it would be beneficial if the modernisation process could help making it easier for interested parties, be it producers, importers, users or exporters, to participate actively in the investigations.

Due to the increasing globalisation and its impact on the activities of European companies, the Danish government believes that the Union Interest Test of the investigations is becoming increasingly important. The modernisation process should therefore result in increased emphasis on the Union Interest Test in all investigations including a systematic focus on and analysis of the global value chains of European companies.

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