

# Table olives exporters prepare their defense against the anti-dumping complaint filed in the US against Spanish Black Olives

**The Spanish Association of Exporters and Industrialists of Table Olive (Asemesa) is preparing its defense against the antidumping and anti-subsidy complaint filed in the United States against the Spanish Black Olive.**

The association has reported that on June 21st, two California-based table olive companies filed a petition with the competent US authorities for the imposition of anti-dumping and anti-subsidy duties on imports of black olives from Spain, arguing that such imports are performing at low prices and are being subsidized.

In view of this situation, the CEO of Asemesa, Antonio de Mora, has indicated that the association is preparing its defense with the support of the national and European administrations, "with the certainty that the arguments on which these allegations are false, therefore we are gathering all the necessary information and evidence."

In this sense, the entity stated that this week several meetings with representatives of the Ministry of Commerce, integrated in the Ministry of Economy, Industry and Competitiveness, were held; as well as with officials from the Spanish Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries, Food and Environment (Mapama).

De Mora wanted to convey a message of tranquility "because we are going to prove that the accusations are unfounded and our companies operate within the legality of the EU and the World Trade Organization."

Asemesa explained that if the US authorities consider that there is a sufficient basis after the examination of the complaint, two parallel investigations, an anti-dumping and an anti-subsidy investigation would be opened which could lead to the imposition of anti-dumping and countervailing duties on imports of black olives from from Spain.

At this time, according to the association, both procedures are in the preliminary phase, which will conclude with a decision on the continuation or termination of procedures without the imposition of additional measures.

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