

# Press Release

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## EU Commission's provisional countervailing duties on Chinese electric car imports

The European Council for Motor Trades and Repairs (CECRA) acknowledges the European Commission's decision to impose additional customs duties ranging from 17.4% to 38.1% on electric cars imported from China, effective from July 4th.

This decision follows a nine-month investigation into allegations of unfair state subsidies for Chinese battery electric vehicles (BEVs), including brands such as BYD, Geely and SAIC.

The EU Commission stated: "The provisional findings of the EU anti-subsidy investigation indicate that the entire BEV value chain benefits heavily from unfair subsidies in China, and that the influx of subsidised Chinese imports at artificially low prices therefore presents a threat of clearly foreseeable and imminent injury to EU industry."

The investigation will continue for several months until the Commission decides whether to propose definitive anti-subsidy measures. Member states will have to vote on such a proposal.

CECRA emphasizes that free and fair trade is essential for a competitive European automotive industry, driving innovation and providing consumers with more choices. However, it is crucial that this competition ensures a level playing field for all competitors. The imposition of these duties will have repercussions for dealers and repairers, especially those representing the brands under investigation. The added duties are expected to impact car prices and, consequently, sales volumes. CECRA remains committed to closely monitoring the situation, reacted CECRA Director General, Bernard Lycke.

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