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SUBJECT: Job losses at Twinings, Hampshire, UK
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TEXT:

Could the Commission confirm whether Twinings or its parent company Associated British Food are, or will be, in receipt of EU funding for the building of a new factory in Poland (at Swarzedz, in the Kostrzyn-Slubice Special Economic Zone) or the subsequent planned creation of new jobs there? Is the Commission aware that Twinings is axing 130 jobs from its factory in Andover as a result of moving some operations to Poland?

Can the Commission confirm whether any EU grants made to Poland since accession in 2004 have been used specifically to encourage businesses to relocate from other member states to Poland? If so, could the Commission explain why EU funds are being used in this way and what compensatory provision is being made for workers in the member states where jobs are lost?

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