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to the Commission**

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Subject: Spanish State aid to the banking sector

On the basis of recent information received, the Commission questioned Spain about its tax asset regime to assess whether or not it was using state assets to aid the Spanish banking sector.

The Financial Times reported that the Commission would consider opening an investigation to determine whether Spain is acting as a guarantor for banks that have accumulated assets that are not considered 'high quality' by the European Central Bank.

Last Tuesday, the Commission stated that it was gathering information that could lead to a formal investigation.

Based on the information gathered, does the Commission intend to launch a formal investigation against Spain?

If the information proves to be correct, namely that Spain has been acting as a guarantor for the banking system, what provisions will the Commission seek to implement?