

**Question for written answer P-001401/2019  
to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: Merger of the Nidec group with Embraco - sale of the Nidec plant in Fürstenfeld

Since 28 November 2018, under the direction of the member of the Commission responsible for competition, Vestager, the Commission has been examining the merger between Nidec GmbH and the Whirlpool subsidiary Embraco. One of the demands that the Commission might put forward before permitting this merger is the sale of Nidec's plant in Fürstenfeld, Styria.

1. Securing the future of Europe's industrial sites and jobs and preserving European competitiveness should be priorities for the Commission. How would this be reflected in a possible sale of the Fürstenfeld plant, the concomitant threat to local jobs, a freeze on investment in a leading Styrian company and the far-reaching impact on the region?
2. After a merger, the Nidec plant in Fürstenfeld would have a market share of 1.5%. Is there any justification at all for fearing that this could give it excessive market power?
3. Is the negative impact mentioned at (1) being taken into account in the Commission's decision-making process?