

**Question for written answer E-004693/2014
to the Commission**
Rule 117
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Subject: Immigrants infected by the Ebola virus

Over the last few days, dozens of refugees who landed on the Italian coast in recent weeks have arrived in various parts of Tuscany, including the town of Prato.

These people come from parts of north-western and central Africa where, in recent weeks, wide-ranging infection has occurred due to the spread of the Ebola virus. The Italian Ministry of Health itself has already issued a number of circulars on the matter.

Is the Commission aware of this situation? Does it believe there might be any danger to public health?

To protect refugee asylum seekers specific rules are laid down in Article 78 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (TFEU) and Article 18 of the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the EU.

Given the geographical origin of these refugees, who do not seem to come from areas covered by international protection rules, can the Commission say whether measures can be taken for the immediate return of these people to their countries of origin?