

**Question for written answer E-000148/2020
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: Infringement of Article 56 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union and of the Services Directive

Bearing in mind the need to ensure that the single market works properly, and the fact that the potential of the services sector is not being fully tapped, is the Commission intending to move on, in the near future, to the next stage of the procedure regarding the infringement of EU law concerning the advertising of pharmacies in Poland? The ban in question is depriving patients in Poland of services that are the norm in other EU countries.

The Commission took the decision to initiate the procedure on 24 January 2019 (¹)

¹ Infringement of Article 56 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union and of the Services Directive.