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Subject: COVID-19 – Transport of healthcare supplies in Europe

We applaud China’s display of international solidarity in sending healthcare supplies to support Italy. By contrast, the transport of such supplies within the single market itself is proving more problematical – the masks stuck in Czechia and Poland are a case in point. This is counterintuitive: the single market ought to be part of the solution in a situation as urgent as this. Let’s not forget that COVID-19 has already claimed more than 8 600 lives in the EU/European Economic Area and the United Kingdom, with Italy alone reporting more than 600 deaths per day.

What resources can the Commission deploy to facilitate, expedite and guarantee the transport of healthcare, medical and pharmaceutical supplies to all parts of the EU, including the outermost regions, in order to meet the urgent needs many countries are facing and safeguard the proper functioning of the single market?