

**Question for written answer E-002581/2020  
to the Commission  
Rule 138  
Engin Eroglu**

Subject: Proceedings against K + S for discharging salt into the river Werra

On 21 April 2020, K + S applied to increase its discharges of salt into the Werra.

Already in June 2019 infringement proceedings had been initiated against Germany because of the salt discharges. <sup>1</sup>

The proceedings were only halted after an agreement had been reached with K + S under which the company had agreed to discharge less salt into the river water. Now, less than a year later, it wants to depart from the terms of this agreement and discharge more salt into the river by the same method as before. It has already submitted an application to this effect to the Kassel Regierungspräsidium. <sup>2</sup>

1. Does the Commission intend to resume proceedings against K + S if K + S' application to increase its discharge of salt is granted?
2. If so, how much will the penalty be?

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<sup>1</sup> <https://bnn.de/nachrichten/suedwestecho/eu-stellt-verfahren-wegen-salzeinleitung-in-fluessen-ein>

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.boerse-express.com/news/articles/ks-beantragt-hoehere-salzeinleitung-in-werra-204629>