

**Question for written answer E-005386/2020
to the Commission**
Rule 138
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Subject: Ammonium nitrate stockpiles in Europe

Six weeks after the terrible explosion that devastated the city of Beirut, Nathan Sales, the US State Department's coordinator for counterterrorism, has accused Hezbollah of transporting to Europe, since 2012, ammonium nitrate to be used for attacks ordered by Tehran, hiding it in first-aid kits. Ammonium nitrate is a chemical compound that is commonly used as a fertiliser but can also be used to produce explosives. The USA believes that significant stockpiles have been discovered and destroyed in France, Italy and Greece and that this process is still ongoing.

Can the Commission therefore say:

whether it can confirm the statement of the US State Department's coordinator for counterterrorism;

whether it suspects there may be additional ammonium nitrate stockpiles in Europe;

which EU ports are involved, or are suspected of having ammonium nitrate stockpiles?