

**Question for written answer E-005575/2020
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: Requirements to be met to secure acceptance of a negative COVID-19 test in some Member States

Throughout the pandemic, the Commission has gone to extraordinary lengths to coordinate with Member States the criteria on which the latter base the measures they take to curb the spread of COVID-19, in the form of restrictions on the mobility of people and goods within the Schengen area. Despite this, some Member States are continuing to impose specific requirements which are sometimes hard to justify and to understand. This is true of the criteria which have to be met in order to secure acceptance of the results of PCR tests required when entering a Member State or to avoid quarantine. In Germany, for example, the test certificate must be in either German or English, even though the findings can easily be interpreted in any language and the Member States only authorise approved laboratories to conduct tests.

1. Does the Commission regard this language requirement as justified, given the guarantees required of laboratories carrying out this type of test in any Member State?
2. Will it take steps to do away with this type of requirement?