Question for written answer E-006255/2020 to the Commission Rule 138 Rosa Estaràs Ferragut (PPE)

Subject: COVID-19 antigen tests in pharmacies

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Testing for COVID-19 using antigen tests is proving key to identifying people who are asymptomatic.

Given that hospitals and other medical establishments have reached saturation point, some countries such as Spain are considering the possibility of allowing antigen tests to be carried out in pharmacies.

I would therefore be interested to know:

- 1. What is the Commission's view on antigen tests being carried out in pharmacies in the Member States?
- 2. What is the procedure for authorising these tests to be carried out in EU pharmacies?