

Question for written answer E-000557/2021
to the Commission
Rule 138
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Subject: Vaccines and the EU

AstraZeneca CEO Pascal Soriot has stated that the company's contract with the European Union is based on a clause stipulating that they must do their best to meet their contractual obligations and that the contract does not bind them to specific deadlines for vaccine deliveries.

He has also said that production is basically 'lagging by two months compared with where we want to be', partly shifting responsibility onto the EU due to the 'late signing of the contract'.

The contract with the UK was signed three months before the agreement with the EU, which allowed for more time to correct errors.

Two plants, one in the Netherlands and one in Belgium, had problems stepping up vaccine production.

1. What legal measures will the Commission take, and when, in respect of the contracts it has signed for the delivery of vaccines, in the light of Soriot's shifting of the blame onto the Commission?
2. Within what timeframe will the Commission seek compensation, if necessary, for failure to comply with contractual obligations to all EU Member States?