

**Question for written answer E-000723/2021  
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: Catalan-language product labelling

The Catalan non-governmental organisation Plataforma per la Llengua contacted the company Lego to inform them that under the Consumer Code of Catalonia (Act 22/2010), labelling in Catalan is compulsory in Catalonia. According to this code, consumers have the right to receive, in Catalan, 'the information necessary for the proper consumption, use and handling of goods [...], in particular, the mandatory data directly related to the safeguarding of the health and safety'.

In judgments 88/2017 and 7/2018, the Spanish Constitutional Court confirmed that the Consumer Code of Catalonia fully applies.

Lego answered that 'after consultation of European Commission's Unit for Toy Safety & Food Policy (DG Grow), Spanish authorities had informed that [...] toy manufacturers and distributors are required by law to label their products at least in the Spanish national language, although this does not prevent them from using other (additional and non-compulsory) Spanish or EU languages (such as Catalan)'.

Given that the information given to Lego is not consistent with the current legal framework, and in the light of the aforementioned legal references, can the Commission confirm the accuracy of the answer given by the Spanish authorities on legal obligations for companies when labelling products for sale in Catalonia?