

**Question for written answer E-000996/2021  
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: The Henkel-Lomazzo case

German multinational Henkel has announced that it is going to close its Lomazzo (Como) factory by the end of June. This factory has been in operation since 1933 and employs more than 150 people, directly and indirectly. The reasons given for the closure – a reorganisation of production by the company – appear to be at odds with both the economic performance of that production site and the development of the detergent sector, which has not shown any negative trends in terms of volumes. These decisions appear to be even less justifiable in view of the current social and economic emergency caused by the current pandemic.

In view of the above:

1. Can the Commission say whether the Henkel Group has ever received any support, aid or grants from the EU?
2. What measures will it take to avoid serious social and economic repercussions on workers, their families and the local area?
3. Should it not, at the very least, seek to ensure that the closure of the factory is postponed until the end of the COVID-19 crisis?