Question for written answer E-001052/2021 to the Commission

Rule 138

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Subject: Closure of the infringement proceedings opened against the Catalan law on cinema

On 30 June 2010, the Catalan Parliament adopted Law 20/2010 of 7 July 2010 on the cinema in Catalonia, imposing mandatory quotas on distribution and screening companies for the distribution and screening of dubbed or subtitled films released in Catalonia that discriminate against films produced in other EU Member States.

On 30 September 2011, the European Commission therefore called on the Kingdom of Spain to amend the Law on the grounds that it ran counter to the provisions of Article 56 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union¹.

Ten years on, this law is still in force and the Commission appears to have decided to close the investigation without the Catalan legislation having been amended.

- 1. Can the Commission indicate what the state of play is as regards the infringement procedure?
- 2. If the Commission has indeed decided to close it, can it explain the reasons and arguments which led it to that decision?
- 3. Is the Commission aware of the consequences of the closure of the investigation, particularly with regard to the integrity of the single market and the principle of non-discrimination among operators in the single market?

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References 2010/4135 and 2010/7201 / CHAP(2010)00866 and CHAP(2010)03133