

**Question for written answer E-002624/2021  
to the Commission**

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**Subject:** UK Government recommendations on travel to EU Member States

On 1 May the EU-UK Trade and Cooperation Agreement entered into force<sup>1</sup>.

The UK Government recently issued recommendations for its citizens intending to travel abroad as of 17 May. The UK Minister of Transport has indicated that the list of permitted destinations will be reviewed every three weeks. Spain, Italy, Greece and France are on the list of so-called 'amber' countries, meaning that anyone arriving in the UK from one of them will have to quarantine for 10 days. Furthermore, the UK Government insists that countries and territories on the amber list cannot be visited for purely leisure purposes.<sup>2</sup>.

This decision deals a serious blow to the EU tourism sector since a large number of British tourists used to visit the amber-listed Member States before the pandemic. By not distinguishing between the regions of a single Member State, this classification is particularly detrimental to island regions with a low cumulative incidence of coronavirus cases, such as the Balearics and the Canary Islands in the case of Spain.

Will the Commission ask the UK authorities to review the recommendations on travel by that country's citizens to the EU?

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<sup>1</sup> OJ L 149 of 30.4.2021, p. 10–2539.

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/red-amber-and-green-list-rules-for-entering-england#amber-list>