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Subject: Sicilian breach of COVID-19 Regulation

Despite the adoption and entry into force of Regulation (EU) 2021/953 in July 2021, the Regional Government of Sicily requires travellers from some EU countries entering the region to take an antigen test in addition to showing their COVID certificates, the purpose of which is to show that their bearers have recently recovered from COVID or been vaccinated or tested. This extra regional procedure constitutes a flagrant breach of the aforementioned regulation, which was designed specifically to facilitate free movement during the pandemic.

What immediate steps does the Commission plan to take to alert the Italian Government to this fact and reverse this state of affairs in Sicily?