

**Question for written answer E-004291/2021  
to the Commission**  
Rule 138  
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Subject: Length of infringement proceedings in the area of the internal market

According to the information on the Commission's website, Germany is subject to infringement proceedings INFR(2008)4946 and INFR(2009)4580 concerning the incompatibility of provisions of German law with EU law. The proceedings were opened in 2008 and 2009 and, according to the information on the Commission's website, have not been closed to date.

As part of both proceedings, two letters of formal notice were sent in 12 years in the first case and a single letter of formal notice was sent in 11 years in the second case, in 2011.

Why did the Commission authorise Germany to remain for 12 and 11 years respectively in a state in which it appears to be in breach of the *acquis communautaire* in the area of internal market law?

When does the Commission plan to take further formal steps in these infringement proceedings?