

**Question for written answer E-004399/2021  
to the Commission**

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Subject: Increase in maritime freight transport costs

Since 2020, maritime transport prices have risen exponentially, which is having a severe impact on trade. At a time when many parts of the supply chain are not yet able to operate under full capacity and efficiently, and with prices of raw materials that are seeing record increases, European producers are struggling to fulfil their orders. There is therefore a real risk of further negative impacts throughout the industrial supply chain and on EU citizens.

Can the Commission say:

1. In view of market developments and the simultaneous continuous rise in container prices, have any infringements of competition rules been identified?
2. In the wake of the monitoring that has been done, what options for action have been identified? Have any measures been put in place and, if so, with what results?