

**Question for written answer E-001036/2022  
to the Commission**

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Subject: Security of supply and public procurement

Directive 2014/24/EU on public procurement introduced the possibility to make security of supply as important as price in tender procedures, including national procedures.

Parliament has stressed the importance of taking into account this criterion in its reports on tackling the shortage of medicines (2020/2071(INI)) and on a pharmaceutical strategy for Europe (2021/2013(INI)).

However, the health insurance providers have not always done so. For instance, in October 2021, a document from the German health insurance scheme revealed that Glenmark, an Indian provider, responded to calls for tender by offering discounts of up to 99% for certain active substances.

Such offers generate savings for national health insurance schemes and may sometimes help to balance their finances. But they also lead to unfair competition and undermine efforts being made to bring pharmaceutical production back to Europe.

In light of the above, will the Commission publish guidelines under Article 67 of Directive 2014/24/EU calling on Member States and social security bodies to further factor in security of supply when awarding public contracts?