

**Question for written answer E-002370/2022
to the Commission**
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Subject: The Commission's responsibility for the correct implementation of the Machinery Directive

On 21 April 2021, the Commission published a proposal for the revision of the Machinery Directive (2006/42/EC). When the original Machinery Directive was introduced, the implementation phase was challenging for manufacturers because the Commission was late in publishing the implementation guidelines.

The Machinery Directive is essential in ensuring basic health and safety at work and it is therefore crucial that the directive is properly implemented by manufacturers after the revision has been carried out. It is the Commission's task to ensure that the directive is fully implemented throughout the Member States. Delays in publishing implementation guidelines for manufacturers would therefore not be acceptable from the point of view of ensuring health and safety at work.

1. How does the Commission intend to ensure that implementation guidelines are published well in advance of the entry into force of the directive?
2. In the Commission's view, how important is the content in the guidelines relating to AI used in machinery safety systems and in electronic instructions for use?
3. Will the Commission commit to issuing revised implementation guidelines at the latest within one year of the entry into force of the directive?