

**Question for written answer E-003430/2022
to the Commission**

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Subject: New question on labelling

In 2021, we asked the Commission question E-000723/2021 concerning the Spanish authorities' position on companies' obligations to provide Catalan consumers with essential information for using toys in Catalan¹. In its answer², the Commission referred to a communication received from the Spanish authorities in 2018 which was then consistent with the parliamentary answers by the Spanish government³.

In 2022, after studying recent Spanish Constitutional Court judgements, the Spanish government has finally confirmed that the Consumer Code of Catalonia (Act 22/2010) does establish consumers' rights to receive the necessary information for the proper use goods and services, including toys, in Catalan. It is also considered Constitutional Court doctrine that 'the exercise of the activity of economic operators on equal terms cannot be incompatible with the existence of linguistic rights for citizens who are in territories with more than one co-official language⁴⁵'.

Given that the Spanish authorities have informed the Commission of this updated position, and bearing in mind that incorrect information on legal obligations affecting labelling in Catalan in Catalonia could adversely affect businesses, will the Commission hold new consultations with the competent Spanish authorities on this matter?

¹ https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/E-9-2021-000723_EN.html

² https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/E-9-2021-000723-ASW_EN.html

³ https://www.congreso.es/entradap/112p/e12/e_0129312_n_000.pdf

⁴ https://www.congreso.es/entradap/114p/e22/e_0220571_n_000.pdf

⁵ https://www.congreso.es/entradap/114p/e21/e_0213480_n_000.pdf