

**Question for written answer E-003594/2022
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: Ban on bringing European products into Morocco through Ceuta and Melilla's land borders

Two years ago, Morocco made the unilateral decision to close its land borders with the Spanish autonomous cities of Ceuta and Melilla: EU territories which constitute the Union's outer border. At present these borders have been opened for the movement of people, but not of goods, and even those items travellers are permitted to bring under Morocco's regulations have been blocked.

Melilla's commercial customs office has been closed since 2018, and, in the case of Ceuta, the Spanish and Moroccan Governments have announced the creation of a regional commercial customs office¹²³ that will not accept goods coming from the rest of Spain or Europe, which, according to official Moroccan sources, should enter through the port of Tangier Med 3. Goods coming from the EU are therefore not allowed to enter Morocco through any of the EU's land borders with the country.

In light of Morocco's unacceptable economic smothering of these two Spanish and European enclaves in Africa:

1. Does this situation violate the EU-Morocco Euro-Mediterranean Association Agreement? If so, what measures will the Commission take to guarantee the movement of goods from Spain and the EU to Morocco across these land borders?
2. Will the Commission consider demanding that Morocco respect the same rules for travellers crossing Spain and the EU's land borders with Morocco as it does at the country's ports and airports?

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¹ https://www.elconfidencial.com/espana/2022-11-05/marruecos-impone-ceuta-aduana-regional-fuertes-restricciones-mercancias_3518328/

² <https://ceutaahora.com/art/11242/marruecos-plantea-una-aduana-de-caracter-regional-en-la-que-solo-se-exportaria-a-ceuta>

³ <https://www.hespress.com/%D8%A7%D9%84%D8%BA%D9%85%D9%88%D8%B6-%D9%8A%D8%AD%D9%8A%D8%B7-%D8%A8%D8%A7%D8%B3%D8%AA%D8%A6%D9%86%D8%A7%D9%81-%D8%A7%D9%84%D8%AD%D8%B1%D9%83%D8%A9-%D8%A7%D9%84%D8%AA%D8%AC%D8%A7%D8%B1%D9%8A%D8%A9-1052721.html>