

**Question for written answer E-001010/2023
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: Single market emergency instrument

Article 32 of the proposal for a regulation establishing a single market emergency instrument¹ states that the Commission 'may recommend to the Member States to distribute the strategic reserves' constituted as laid down in Article 12 of the proposed regulation.

I would therefore like to ask:

1. What entities or legal persons would be the senders and recipients, respectively, of such a distribution? Could the recipients include the Commission, Member States, or private companies?
2. Under what circumstances could the Commission recommend that Member States distribute the strategic reserves when these reserves are held by private companies in those Member States? What regulation would apply to reimbursements in the event of such a distribution being recommended?

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¹ Proposal for a regulation establishing a single market emergency instrument (COM(2022)0459).