

**Question for written answer E-001695/2023/rev.1
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: Purpose limitation of passenger information 2

In the light of the judgment in Case C-817/19, the Commission is asked to revisit its reply to Written Question E-005169/2020 and to answer the following questions:

The purpose of Directive 2004/82/EC on the obligation of carriers to communicate passenger data is to improve border controls and combat illegal immigration. The purpose of Directive (EU) 2016/681 is to prevent, detect, investigate and prosecute terrorist offences and serious crime.

The German law on the implementation of international health regulations, which was updated as a result of the COVID-19 crisis, required the Federal Criminal Police Office or the Federal Office of Administration to provide health offices, at their request, with data about how to reach travellers and about people they may have had contact with.

According to the broadcaster NDR, Hamburg's health offices were sent information with the names and addresses of passengers who had travelled by plane to a COVID-19 risk area in order to check whether the passengers were complying with quarantine obligations.

- 1) Does the Commission now agree that Germany breached the purpose limitation of the Directive?
- 2) Which Member States adopted similar laws on the use of passenger information in the context of the COVID-19 crisis?
- 3) Why has the Commission not launched infringement proceedings against any Member State for breaching the purpose limitation of the Directive?

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