

**Question for written answer E-001702/2023
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: Reciprocity clause in Spanish legislation on public procurement

In its reply to my question E-000486/2022 on shortcomings in the transposition of EU public procurement rules in Spain, the Commission wrote that it had received no complaints in this connection. The shortcomings in question concern the application of reciprocity in environmental and social requirements for access to administrations' public procurement. However, companies in a number of sectors continue to complain and have already submitted detailed complaints to the Commission which refer specifically to the ductile iron pipe sector. Again, it is Asian producers who are benefiting from this legislation problem.

In the light of the above:

1. Has the Commission received complaints about this problem from the Spanish State?
2. If so, what is the state of play with regard to investigations and when might it be resolved?
3. Does the Commission believe that Royal Decree-Law 3/2020 and Law 9/2017 on Public Sector Contracts should be corrected to bring them into line with EU rules?

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