

**Question for written answer E-003637/2023
to the Commission**

Rule 138

Bert-Jan Ruissen (ECR), Anja Haga (PPE)

Subject: Follow-up question on Dutch aid shipments being blocked by Romania

Dutch transporters carrying humanitarian goods to Romania report that Romania has been stopping Dutch and also Austrian aid shipments at the border. Transporters of such aid say that Romanian customs and the ANPC (Romanian inspection service) keep coming up with new requirements, which also differ from one truck to another. The result of this is that aid shipments (including mattresses, clothes, bicycles, etc.) do not reach their destination in Romania or only do so via detours. This situation has been going on for more than a year now. The Romanian authorities' non-transparent way of working is at odds with the internal market and must therefore be stopped.

1. Does the Commission share our view that blocking aid shipments by setting unclear and unjustified cargo requirements is totally unacceptable, and that it is impermissible to express discontent in this way about how a country has voted?
2. Will the Commission investigate the situation at the Romanian border and challenge the Romanian authorities on this unacceptable practice?
3. Is the Commission prepared to do everything in its power in order, as appropriate, to prevent Romania's improper blocking of aid imports?

Submitted: 13.12.2023