

Question for written answer E-000062/2024/rev.1
to the Commission
Rule 138
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Subject: Infringement of the right of residence of European citizens under the Agreement on the withdrawal of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland from the European Union

A Spanish citizen who works and resides in the United Kingdom has been unlawfully removed from London despite having the documentation accrediting her right to live and work in the country. She was in possession of a 'certificate of application' issued by the UK Home Office showing that she had applied for a review of the UK authorities' decision on her right to reside permanently in the UK after Brexit¹. According to the certificate, the holder 'can work in the UK until [they] receive a decision on [their] application to the EU settlement scheme'. However, the border authorities allegedly told the Spanish citizen in question that she was 'wasting her time' and that it was 'not true' that she could continue to work in the country².

In view of this flagrant infringement of the rights of European citizens by the UK authorities:

1. What action could the Commission take in such circumstances to ensure that non-UK EU citizens can exercise their right to work and reside in the United Kingdom?
2. How can the Commission ensure that the United Kingdom complies with the commitments entered into in the EU-UK withdrawal agreement?

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¹ <https://www.theguardian.com/politics/2024/jan/07/spanish-woman-deported-from-uk-after-returning-fromchristmas-holiday>

² Ibid.