

**Question for written answer E-000796/2024
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: Sale of fireworks in Czechia

This New Year's Eve, unsafe fireworks of Chinese origin – banned in Germany and Austria – were once again freely sold in Czech border regions. Year after year, the lack of border controls means that such sales result in hundreds of severe lifelong injuries in the aforementioned neighbouring countries, with young people most commonly affected. Please can the Commission explain why, in its capacity as guardian of consumer protection in the large EU internal market, it has still not taken steps to put a stop to these life-threatening practices?

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