

**Question for written answer E-000968/2024
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: Navigation safety at the port of Brindisi

At a meeting of the Regional Technical Committee (CTR), the Maritime Authority of Brindisi has given clearance for gas carrier vessels undertaking commercial operations to moor at the as-yet-unfinished Edison LNG depot on the Costa Morena Est quay in the port of Brindisi.

In note No 15178 of 30 July 2021, the Maritime Authority issued a second opinion to the Ministry of Ecological Transition's Directorate-General for Environmental Restoration.

The Maritime Authority has failed, however, to address the issue of 'safety rules for the mooring of vessels that transport dangerous goods' as it is obliged to do under Order No 16/1974 of the Brindisi Harbour Master's Office, which does not currently allow gas carrier vessels to moor on the Costa Morena Est quay. These are prohibited because of the quay's lack of fire-fighting facilities and its proximity to docking berths for passenger and goods vessels¹.

Can the Commission therefore say:

1. Whether it intends to have the European Maritime Safety Agency carry out an inspection of installations at the port of Brindisi, pursuant to Article 9(4) of Regulation (EC) No 725/2004?
2. Whether it intends to check whether Italy has provided the information required under Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 725/2004 for installations at the port of Brindisi?

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¹ <https://www.brindisitime.it/greco-i-limiti-al-traffico-portuale-ci-sono-nuova-lettera-al-comandante-della-capitaneria-di-porto/?fbclid=IwAR15dcKmho46wm8JaAlNp2sXNsVW7K6jzbRMGiv1QxiAAJRjkiwmhv0nKkU>