

**Priority question for written answer P-001670/2021
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: The airline Plus Ultra Líneas Aéreas S.A.'s shareholders and operating licence

On 9 March 2021 the Spanish Government's Council of Ministers agreed to grant EUR 53 million in aid to Plus Ultra Líneas Aéreas S.A. from the Solvency Fund for Strategic Companies, deeming it to be a strategically important airline.

However, Article 4 ('Conditions for granting an operating licence') of Regulation (EC) No 1008/2008 of 24 September 2008 on common rules for the operation of air services in the Community provides that the competent licensing authority of a Member State may only grant an operating licence to companies which are majoritarily owned and controlled by the Member States or their nationals.

Given the forgoing and the growing doubts as to the origin of the company's shareholders, can the Commission say:

1. whether Plus Ultra Líneas Aéreas is in compliance with the current wording of Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 1008/2008?
2. whether granting aid to the airline Plus Ultra Líneas Aéreas constitutes a breach of EU law?