

**Priority question for written answer P-000590/2023
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: Infringements of Regulation No 31 (EEC) 11 (EAEC) by European Commission officials

According to Article 17(1) of Regulation No 31 (EEC) 11 (EAEC) laying down the Staff Regulations of Officials and the Conditions of Employment of Other Servants of the European Economic Community and the European Atomic Energy Community, 'an official shall refrain from any unauthorised disclosure of information received in the line of duty, unless that information has already been made public or is accessible to the public' (see attached).

According to Article 17(2) of that regulation, 'An official shall continue to be bound by this obligation after leaving the service'.

In view of this:

1. Is it admissible for a Commission official in active employment or on leave to make known publicly and prior to official notification by the Commission the decisions of the latter regarding approval or otherwise of EU State aid?
2. What procedures are followed by the Commission in investigating and penalising infringements of Regulation No 31 (EEC) 11 (EAEC) laying down the Staff Regulations of Officials and the Conditions of Employment of Other Servants of the European Economic Community and the European Atomic Energy Community?

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