

**Priority question for written answer P-002195/2023
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: PRC export controls on gallium and germanium

The People's Republic of China (PRC) has placed export restrictions on two critical raw materials — germanium and gallium, with these restrictions also applying to the EU. China produces 60 % of the world's germanium and 80 % of the world's gallium. Germanium is used in fibre optic products, while gallium is used in the production of semiconductors.

1. Has the Commission conducted a stress test to identify the impact of these export controls on production capacities in the EU?
2. What steps does the Commission intend to adopt to mitigate the impact of these measures on supply chains?
3. Does the Commission consider these measures by the PRC to be acts of economic coercion (as defined in the Anti-Coercion Instrument) and, if so, what measures is it going to take to address them?

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