Priority question for written answer P-003113/2023 to the Commission

Rule 138

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Subject: Attacks on Spanish lorries at the border with France

On 19 October 2023, Spanish lorries transporting Spanish goods were attacked by French wine growers at the border with France. These serious and completely unjustified events weaken the European single market by hindering the free movement of these goods. In addition being unjust and violent, these attacks undermine the rules of the single market, which are a foundation of the Union enshrined in the Treaty on the Functioning of the Union, and hinder the free movement of goods across the Union as laid down in Regulation (EC) No 2679/98.

In light of the above:

- 1. What specific measures, in accordance with Regulation (EC) No. 2679/98, is the Commission considering requiring France to take in this case?
- 2. Given that Spanish imports have been repeatedly blocked at the border and that this is not an isolated case, is the Commission considering implementing any mechanism to provide greater assurance of compliance with Regulation (EC) No 2679/98 so as to protect the integrity of the European internal market?

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