

**Question for written answer E-002297/2024
to the Commission**

Rule 144

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Subject: The legality of the law which lays down registration obligations for Spanish hotels, tourist facilities and motor vehicle rental companies

The Spanish Government's plans to introduce new registration and information obligations for hotels, tourist facilities and car rental companies as part of Royal Decree 933/2021¹ have raised major concerns among consumers as well as tourism operators both in Spain and abroad.

Introduced by Spain's Ministry of the Interior and justified on the grounds of security, the new rules oblige all companies and agencies operating in the fields of tourist accommodation and car rental to collect as many as 43 items of personal data from their customers or face heavy fines of up to EUR 43 000. Much of the information is of a sensitive nature, as it concerns the customers' family relations and finances.

In the light of the above:

1. Is the Commission aware of Royal Decree 933/2021? Does the Commission hold that this law complies with European data protection legislation, which guarantees the security and confidentiality of personal information?
2. Does the Commission believe that travel agencies and tourism companies, many of which are SMEs, have the necessary technical means and staff to comply with the confidentiality requirements laid down by the European Union?

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¹ https://www.boe.es/diario_boe/txt.php?id=BOE-A-2021-17461.