

Question for written answer E-001696/2025
to the Commission
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Subject: Political pressure put on EMA over vaccine testing

The Commission is reported to have deliberately quashed important COVID-19 vaccine safety audits in 2020. The European Medicines Agency (EMA) waived mandatory inspections of test centres, saying it was because of the risk of infection and political pressure. EMA Director Emer Cooke decided to cancel missions to carry out inspections, in particular to AstraZeneca's test sites in Brazil, for example. The decision, however, was not officially documented. Later it came out that the vaccines had many serious side effects, such as brain thrombosis. Reports of adverse reactions for the BioNTech/Pfizer vaccines were also ignored. Critics complain that the EMA relied to a large extent on manufacturer's claims when granting authorisation. The agency has to date defended its actions.¹

1. Why was political pressure put on the EMA to suspend mandatory safety testing when approving vaccines?
2. Who put political pressure on the EMA to suspend suspend mandatory safety testing when approving vaccines, and when?
3. What consequences will ensue following these revelations?

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¹ <https://apollo-news.net/eu-kommission-unterdruckte-bewusst-sicherheitsprufungen-von-covid-impfstoffen/>