Question for written answer E-003355/2025
to the Commission
Rule 144
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Subject: Status of the complaint against France's 'Loi Descrozaille' (EGalim III)

In December 2023, the European trade association EuroCommerce lodged a formal complaint (CPLT(2024)00230) with the European Commission against France's 'Loi Descrozaille' (EGalim III). This law stipulates that French law shall apply to B2B contracts for products intended for the French market and that French courts shall have exclusive jurisdiction over them.

The complaint, CPLT(2024)00230, alleges that the law is in breach of both the Rome I and Brussels I bis regulations and violates the fundamental freedoms of the internal market. It significantly hinders the activities of central procurement organisations in the internal market. Cross-border purchasing alliances, which negotiate EU-wide for the purposes of efficiency, price stability for consumers and greater choice, have borne the brunt of the effects. The regulation thus risks fragmenting the internal market and could serve as a precedent for similar national-level measures.

1. How far has the Commission progressed in examining this complaint, from December 2023, and when can a final decision be expected?

2. Does the Commission consider the EGalim law to be compatible with EU law, particularly in respect of the freedoms of the internal market and the relevant regulations?

3. Does the Commission intend to enter into dialogue with the French authorities or the market players concerned with a view to finding possible solutions that comply with EU law?

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