

**Question for written answer E-000743/2026
to the Commission**
Rule 144
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Subject: Industrial safety and implementation of EU law following the deadly explosion at a ‘Violanta’ factory in Trikala

The deadly explosion at a Violanta S.A. factory in Trikala, Greece – which resulted in the loss of human life and revealed failures in propane management and prevention mechanisms – has cast doubts over compliance with the national and EU industrial safety framework.

Directive 2012/18/EU (SEVESO III – prevention of major industrial accidents), Directive 89/391/EEC (framework for health and safety at work), Directive 98/24/EC (chemical agents), Directive 1999/92/EC (ATEX – explosive atmospheres) and Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 (REACH – chemicals), read in conjunction with Article 2 TEU and Articles 151 to 153 TFEU, guarantee a high level of protection of the health and safety of workers. Article 258 TFEU gives the Commission the power to monitor and initiate infringement proceedings. EU acts must be fully incorporated into Greek law and implemented effectively.

Can the Commission say:

1. What information does it have on the frequency, quality and independence of inspections at facilities that, in line with the requirements of Directive 2012/18/EU, fall within the scope thereof, and how does it assess Greece’s compliance with the obligations for regular checks and updated safety studies?
2. Does it intend to strengthen EU oversight and transparency mechanisms and request an updated compliance report from the Greek authorities?
3. In the context of Article 258 TFEU, how does it ensure the correct and full implementation of the framework?

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