

(English version)

**Question for written answer E-003327/25
to the Commission
Ciaran Mullooly (Renew)
(28 August 2025)**

Subject: Infringement procedure against Ireland in relation to defective concrete blocks

In July 2024, following evidence that thousands of homes were affected by the use of defective concrete blocks, the Commission opened an infringement procedure against Ireland (INFR(2024)4003) for not carrying out market surveillance as required by the Construction Products Regulation ⁽¹⁾. In March 2025, the Irish Government published a new National Market Surveillance Strategy for Construction Products.

The use of defective concrete blocks poses a clear and present safety threat to thousands of men, women and children in Donegal and more than 20 other counties in Ireland. In the light of the ongoing concerns of these affected homeowners and the recommendations made in the Committee on Petitions report of 19 March 2024, can the Commission clarify the following:

1. What is the current status of infringement procedure INFR(2024)4003?
2. Does the Commission consider that the measures announced by Ireland in 2025 (including the National Market Surveillance Strategy) are sufficient to ensure compliance with EU law, or are further actions required, and if the Commission concludes that Ireland remains non-compliant, when does it envisage deciding on further action?
3. Can the Commission give an assurance to the public that proper EU safety standards will be imposed in this Member State without further delay?

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**Answer given by Executive Vice-President Séjourné on behalf of the European Commission
(13 October 2025)**

In July 2024, the Commission sent a letter of formal notice ⁽¹⁾ to Ireland, in which it laid out the reasons for its claim that Ireland has failed to fulfil its obligations under the Construction Products Regulation ⁽²⁾, by not providing for market surveillance of construction products before they are placed on the market.

Ireland replied in September 2024 to the letter of formal notice. Since then, the Irish authorities keep reporting on their market surveillance activities and the resources devoted to them.

The Commission services keep assessing the relevant facts and information received to date, to determine whether Ireland now fulfils its market surveillance duties under EU law, in particular for products within the range of the masonry blocks in question. Based on this, the Commission will take a decision on the way forward.

¹ Regulation (EU) No 305/2011 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 9 March 2011 laying down harmonised conditions for the marketing of construction products and repealing Council Directive 89/106/EEC.

⁽¹⁾ https://ec.europa.eu/implementing-eu-law/search-infringement-decisions/?lang_code=fi&langCode=EN&version=v1&typeOfSearch=byDecision&infringementType=REG&activeCase=true&dg=GROW&memberState=IE&page=1&size=10&order=desc&sortColumns=decisionDate.

⁽²⁾ https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/HTML/?uri=OJ:L_202403110.