

(English version)

Question for written answer E-003355/25
to the Commission
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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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Answer given by Executive Vice-President Séjourné on behalf of the European Commission
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The Commission is currently examining the formal complaint lodged by EuroCommerce regarding France's EGalim III Law. This legislation presents complex legal issues, some of which are also under consideration by French national courts.

Since early 2023, the Commission has maintained an ongoing dialogue with French authorities and relevant stakeholders, highlighting the legal intricacies of the case.

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