

**Question for written answer E-001510/2014
to the Commission**
Rule 117
Sir Graham Watson (ALDE)

Subject: Gibraltar aid to the Philippines

Tropical cyclone Typhoon Haiyan devastated parts of South-East Asia and tragically killed over 6 000 people in the Philippines.

Citizens across the European Union, including my constituents in Gibraltar, have rightly been generous in supporting emergency aid for those affected. One Gibraltar organisation had hoped to ship relief supplies onwards to the Philippines via Spain. However, health certificates for the onward shipment of food stuffs contained with the relief goods could not be obtained at the border from Gibraltar into Spain at La Linea. This prevented the aid from being shipped from Gibraltar via Spain to the Philippines in a timely and inexpensive manner.

Is the Commission aware of this incident which prevented aid reaching the Philippines?