

**Priority question for written answer P-001706/2024  
to the Commission**

Rule 144

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**Subject:** Legitimacy of the German Government's decision to impose border controls in the Schengen area

The Schengen area allows over 400 million EU citizens to move freely within the Community. Nearly 4 million people exercise this privilege every day. The Schengen area also allows goods to move freely, which is essential for the internal market to function as intended. Imposing such a burden on EU citizens, including Polish citizens whose main transit routes cross the German border, should be seen as a blow to the bedrock of European solidarity. Parliament expects the Commission to preserve the benefits that come from the Schengen area.

1. Have the Commission and Member States been duly notified, as provided for by the Schengen Borders Code, of the actions taken by Germany?
2. Has an assessment of the necessity and proportionality of these restrictions been undertaken?
3. Does the Commission view the restrictions as justified, and are they accompanied by mitigating measures for goods transportation, given that Germany is the largest and most crucial transit country for the functioning of the internal market?

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