

**Priority question for written answer P-003056/2024  
to the Commission**  
Rule 144  
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**Subject:** Risks posed by defective Takata airbags in vehicles and poor implementation by Member States of the relevant European regulation

Serious accidents in Cyprus – some fatal, caused by defective Takata airbags fitted in vehicles – are highlighting the serious risks and the responsibilities that stem from poor implementation of the relevant EU regulation and legislation by Member States. This legislation stipulates, among other things, that consumer products must be safe and that oversight authorities in Member States take action in matters of liability for defective products. In Cyprus, despite the relevant legislation being in force since 2018, thousands of drivers continue to be at risk as a result of their vehicles being fitted with defective airbags.

Considering the danger posed by Takata airbags, which have already been found to be defective and have even cost drivers' lives in Cyprus, and bearing in mind the relevant EU legislation and CJEU case-law, can the Commission answer the following:

1. To what extent have the provisions of the relevant EU legislation concerning the health and safety of consumer safety in Cyprus been effectively implemented and guaranteed in practice, not just in form?
2. When a Member State fails to properly implement EU legislation, as is the case with Cyprus, what measures will it take to attribute responsibility if needed and to ensure the full and immediate protection of European consumers by applying the rule of law of the European Union effectively?

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