



EUROPEAN COMMISSION
DIRECTORATE-GENERAL FOR HEALTH AND FOOD SAFETY

The Director-General

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Dear Mr Geller,

Thank you for your letter of 28 July 2023 to Commissioners Breton and Kyriakides, who asked me to reply on their behalf. In this letter you express your concerns on Greece placing a considerable number of medicines under export ban.

The Commission services in charge investigated the issue. Indeed, it appears that Greece adopted some measures introducing bans on parallel exports and intra-Union movements of certain pharmaceutical products without prior notification according to Directive (EU) 2015/1535 *laying down a procedure for the provision of information in the field of technical regulations and of rules on Information Society services*¹. In some cases Greece failed to notify the measure, in others the measure was only notified after it entered into force. This deprives the Commission from the opportunity to consider whether the restrictions are justified on the grounds listed under Article 36 TFEU, or other mandatory requirements established by the Court of Justice of the EU.

The services of the Commission responsible for public health and for the free movement of goods in the internal market have thus started a dialogue with the Greek authorities to address the matter and submitted comments to the Greek authorities. The latter are publicly available on the TRIS website². The Commission services will continue to follow up this issue as necessary.

Yours sincerely,

Electronically signed

Sandra GALLINA

¹ Directive (EU) 2015/1535 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 9 September 2015 laying down a procedure for the provision of information in the field of technical regulations and of rules on Information Society services, OJ L 241, 17.9.2015, p. 1–15.

² <https://technical-regulation-information-system.ec.europa.eu/en/home>

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