

Ms Stella Kyriakides
Member of the European Commission
Health and Food Safety

Helsinki, 7 January 2021

Dear Commissioner Kyriakides,

As the coronavirus continues to spread and mutate in Europe and around the world, the speedy access to safe and efficacious vaccines has never been so critical. The EU collaboration on securing a wide portfolio of agreements with vaccine producers has been instrumental in a time rife with uncertainty and global competition. The approval of the Pfizer/BioNTech vaccine, and now also the Moderna vaccine, has enabled us to roll out the process of vaccinating our populations, starting with critical health workers and risk groups.

Yet, there is much criticism in the media and from the public on the short supply of vaccine doses and the slow start of the vaccination campaigns by EU Member States. I welcome the opportunity to increase our orders with Pfizer/BioNTech. However, I would ask you to continue to exert high pressure on the companies when it comes to delivery timetables. I find it unacceptable that the deliveries to the EU have been delayed while some other countries have received ample amounts of vaccines.

I understand that there is an effort to scale up production capacity in the EU, including through public funding. I welcome this initiative. I would also wish to underline that this investment must be turned into concrete results through speedier delivery of vaccines to the EU Member States. I would like to ask the Commission to ensure that all regulatory processes are expedited, while not compromising on safety and good manufacturing practices.

I look forward to our continued cooperation.

Yours Sincerely,



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