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The lack of binding legal instruments available to the Union has shown the limits of the effectiveness of its action in the face of the shortage of vital medical equipment and medicines. This article describes the various measures passed in the context of the Covid-19 crisis and the adaptability shown by the Union, in the framework of the support competence assigned to it by the Treaty, in order to try to delay and limit the shortage. One solution is imperative: strengthening the Union's competence with regard to common health security issues in order to ensure the availability of medicines and medical devices.

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