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European nations say vaccines fall short as Pfizer slows supplies

London.—Many European nations say they are receiving lower-than-expected supplies of COVID-19 vaccines as U.S. pharmaceutical giant Pfizer slows shipments and distribution proceeds unevenly among European Union states. Vaccines developed by Pfizer with its German partner BioNTech started being delivered in the EU at the end of December. U.S. biotech firm Moderna began delivering its shot this week after the bloc approved it on January 6. Yet about one-third of the 27 EU governments cited “insufficient” doses of vaccines at a video conference of health ministers, a person who attended the virtual meeting told Reuters. They also complained about uncertain timetables for future deliv-

eries, the official added, without naming any country.

Pfizer initially said deliveries were proceeding “according to the schedule agreed”. But yesterday it said there would be a temporary impact on shipments in late January to early February caused by changes to manufacturing processes to boost production.

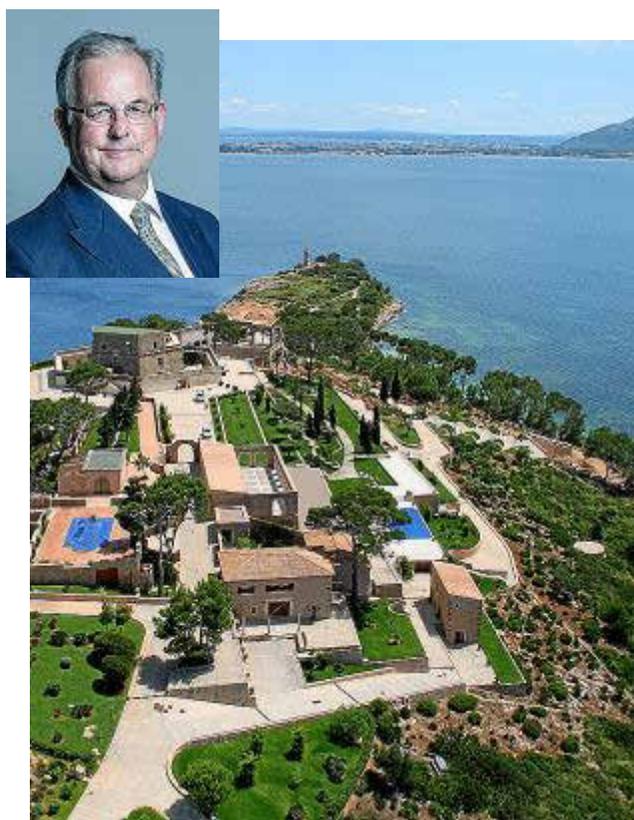
This comment came after Norway and Lithuania said the company was reducing supplies in Europe. Earlier this month, Belgium said it expected to receive only around half of the planned doses of the Pfizer vaccine in January due to a logistical issue. Lithuania said it was told this week its supplies would be halved until mid-February.

BRITISH BARON MAKES MASSIVE FOOD DONATION TO POLLENSA

● Four hundred bags of food worth ten thousand euros have been donated to Pollensa's social welfare department by La Fortalesa in Puerto Pollensa which is owned by Baron Lupton.

● La Fortalesa hosted Rafa Nadal's wedding and James Lupton is a former Chairman of Greenhill Europe and Co-Treasurer of the Conservative Party, having donated more than £2.5 million to the party.

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La Fortalesa is owned by James Lupton.

Formentera “closed” as cases drop elsewhere

● The spokesperson for the regional infectious diseases committee, Javier Arranz, has said that the number of positive cases was decreasing slowly in all of Majorca's health areas, but it is a different story in other parts of the Balearics. Yesterday, it was announced that the island of Formentera off Ibiza will be closed from today until January 30 and it will only be possible to enter and leave for justified and authorised reasons, such as work or health. At a press conference, the president of the Council of For-

mentera, Alejandra Ferrer, stated that, according to the latest data, there are now 50 active cases, with two patients admitted to hospital in Ibiza. The cumulative incidence at 14 days is now 239 cases per 100,000 inhabitants. “There were two very clear options,” said Ferrer, one is to move up to level 4, which will mean closing bars and restaurants. “If the public is not responsible and does not help to maintain order, it (Covid) will be very difficult to control.”

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