

WRITTEN QUESTION E-1762/07  
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to the Commission

Subject: Postal Services Directive

Could the Commission please clarify its guidance on exemptions from the obligation to provide a universal service under Directive 97/67/EC<sup>1</sup> (as amended by Directive 2002/39/EC<sup>2</sup>)? Specifically, while many households that are exempted from the five days per week service often receive service on at least three days per week, would it be acceptable for a household to receive post on only one day per week? In other words, once a household is exempted from the universal service does the prohibition against discrimination in Article 5 of the Directive no longer apply?

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<sup>1</sup> OJ L 15, 21.1.1998, p. 14.

<sup>2</sup> OJ L 176, 5.7.2002, p. 21.