

**Question for written answer E-000812/2015
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Free competition in postal services

In Spain the National Commission for Markets and Competition has asked the Ministry of the Interior to introduce competition to the postal services used to distribute electoral material. Given that postal services are classified as Services of General Economic Interest, it is essential that the financial compensation payable for them complies with the European requirements on State aid, as the regulator has indicated¹.

In light of the above and bearing in mind that the market is indeed fully liberalised, as is the aim of the EU Directive, does the Commission consider there is justification for entrusting the distribution of all electoral publicity to Correos, the incumbent postal operator, bypassing any competitive procedure, and that it is possible for other operators to offer to provide this service under such terms and conditions as may be established?

¹ http://economia.elpais.com/economia/2015/01/09/actualidad/1420832636_808507.html