

Question for written answer P-002296/2016
to the Commission
Rule 130
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Subject: Application of the Postal Services Directive

The main supplier of postal services on the Italian market is the former monopoly-holder Poste Italiane, which two years after liberalisation of that market had a 92% market share, according to a report published in 2014 by AGCMO. The company recently notified municipal councils, after months of discussions, that as from next month deliveries would be made twice weekly.

In view of Directive 2008/6/EC on Postal Services and given that the Italian Ministry of the Economy and Finance holds 64.7% of the capital in Poste Italiane, can the Commission state:

1. whether the twice-weekly provision of services rather than daily deliveries is line with the Postal Services Directive?
2. what sense there is in the Italian Government having a majority shareholding if the company is seeking to make profits in the same way as a completely private company?
3. whether, in a liberalised market, the concept of a mainly public-owned company is in line with the rules on state aid?