

WRITTEN QUESTION E-1499/99
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to the Commission

Subject: Authorisation to market Austrian products in Italy

Time and again Austrian manufacturers of technical products encounter problems when exporting their goods to Italy. These problems are due to the delay in obtaining authorisation to market these products in Italy. (This may in fact constitute an insurmountable barrier to market access for manufacturers who, being of a typically Austrian size, do not have the financial resources to see such lengthy and expensive procedures through.)

It takes Austrian manufacturers of trailers for transporting semi-liquid manure, for example, excessive time and effort to obtain certificates of roadworthiness for their products in Italy. As this measure has the same impact as quantitative restrictions, it has an adverse effect on the free movement of goods within the Union.

1. Is the Commission aware of this situation?
2. Has it already taken action to prevent it, and if so, what action?
3. Or does it intend to do so?