

WRITTEN QUESTION E-0825/00  
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to the Commission

Subject: Refusal of private health insurers in the Netherlands to provide cover for frontier workers with compulsory insurance under the Exceptional Medical Expenses Act (AWBZ)

1. Is the Commission aware that frontier workers who work in the Netherlands but reside in another Member State and who have compulsory insurance under the Exceptional Medical Expenses Act (AWBZ) pursuant to Regulation 1408/71<sup>1</sup> are rejected by Dutch private medical insurers because of their place of residence? This means that, although such frontier workers have compulsory AWBZ insurance in the Netherlands, they are required to take out supplementary private insurance in a different country, a combination which is expensive and impractical?
2. Does not this refusal violate the principle of free movement of workers?

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<sup>1</sup> OJ L 149, 5.7.1971, p. 2