

WRITTEN QUESTION E-2622/00
by Ulpu Iivari (PSE)
to the Commission

Subject: Monitoring of the distribution of EU food aid

It has been reported in Finland that, together with EU food aid, foodstuffs from other sources whose use-by dates were past and which were therefore unsuitable for consumption have been distributed. This has given the impression that the EU distributes to its less affluent citizens foodstuffs which are perished.

1. Do the rules and instructions concerning the distribution of food aid forbid distributors of EU aid to distribute food from other sources which has passed its use-by date?
2. If not, how will the Commission secure amendments to the rules and instructions?