

WRITTEN QUESTION E-3376/00
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to the Commission

Subject: Positive list of medicinal products in Germany

Work is reportedly going on in Germany at present on drawing up a positive list of medicinal products. German pharmaceutical manufacturers consider that, because of the Directive relating to the transparency of measures regulating the pricing of medicinal products for human use and their inclusion in the scope of national health insurance systems (89/105/EEC)¹, the effective safeguarding of legal rights, which is a requirement under that Directive, is no longer guaranteed in Germany.

1. Does the Commission agree?
2. Is it true that, because of a similar case, the Commission launched Treaty infringement proceedings in autumn 1999 against Austria?
3. Has the Commission been notified of the German plan, and what action does it propose to take?

¹ OJ L 40, 11.2.1989, p. 8.