

WRITTEN QUESTION E-1056/02
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to the Commission

Subject: Investigation into formation of cartel by Dutch breweries

In March 2000, the Commission, assisted by the Netherlands Competition Authority, carried out inspections at the premises of the breweries Heineken, Grolsch, Interbrew and Bavaria and the Dutch Brewers Society as part of an investigation to ascertain whether a cartel had been formed.

What further action has the Commission taken, and what stage has the investigation reached? When is it likely to be completed?