

WRITTEN QUESTION E-2623/02
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to the Commission

Subject: Transposition of the new Postal Services Directive 2002/39/EC by the candidate countries

This Spring, the new European Parliament and Council directive 2002/39/EC¹, amending Directive 97/67/EC² with regard to the further opening to competition of Community postal services, was adopted. The Member States must transpose this new Directive into national law by 31 December 2003.

Does the Commission propose to set separate deadlines for the candidate countries for the liberalisation of their postal markets, or is it intended that the new Postal Services Directive should already have been transposed by the candidate countries at the time of accession?

Will the EU competition rules also have to be transposed by the candidate countries by the time of their accession?

¹ OJ L 176, 5.7.2002, p. 21.

² OJ L 15, 21.1.1998, p. 14.