

WRITTEN QUESTION E-2624/02  
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to the Commission

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

This Spring, the new European Parliament and Council directive 2002/39/EC<sup>1</sup>, amending Directive 97/67/EC<sup>2</sup> 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 possess any information about the stage which transposition has reached? May we assume that the Member States will transpose the directive within the time limit?

Is the Commission aware which of the Member States intend to reserve outgoing cross-border postal services?

Are these Member States required to prove separately to the Commission that the continued reservation of outgoing cross-border post is necessary?

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<sup>1</sup> OJ L 176, 5.7.2002, p. 21.

<sup>2</sup> OJ L 15, 21.1.1998, p. 14.