

WRITTEN QUESTION E-0778/03  
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to the Commission

Subject: Comitology

Article 7(4) of Decision 1999/468/EC<sup>1</sup>, laying down the procedures for the exercise of implementing powers conferred on the Commission lays down that ‘the Commission shall, within six months of the date in which the decision takes effect, publish in the Official Journal of the European Communities, a list of all committees which assist the Commission in the exercise of implementing powers’. The decision came into force on 18 July 1999, but the Commission finally published the requisite list over a year later (OJ C 225, of 8.8.2000). Why was there this delay?

Article 7(5) lays down that ‘the references to all documents sent to the European Parliament [...] shall be made public in a register to be set up by the Commission in 2001’. In its most recent report on the work of the committees for 2001 (COM(2002)733), the Commission indicates that this register will become operational ‘at the beginning of 2003’. Why has there been a delay of two years?

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<sup>1</sup> OJ L 184, 17.7.1999, p. 23.