

WRITTEN QUESTION E-0779/03
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to the Commission

Subject: Comitology

Article 4 of Regulation (EC) 1049/2002¹ of 30 May, regarding public access to European Parliament, Council and Commission documents, lays down those exceptions where access shall be refused. Given that the ruling handed down by the Court of First Instance on 19 July 1999, Rothmans International v. Commission (Case T-188/97) laid down that 'the "comitology" committees [...], for the purposes of the Community rules on access to documents, came under the Commission itself', on what grounds and how often has the Commission refused public access to comitology committee documents, on the basis of the exceptions laid down by Article 4 of Regulation (EC) 1049/2002 regarding public access to European Parliament, Council and Commission documents?

¹ OJ L 145, 31.5.2001, p. 43.