

WRITTEN QUESTION E-0580/04
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to the Commission

Subject: Regulation (EC) No 1774/2002 laying down health rules concerning animal by-products not intended for human consumption

The above-mentioned Regulation (EC) No 1774/2002¹ of the European Parliament and of the Council of 3 October 2002 has recently been implemented within Scotland, resulting in numerous interpretations. While no-one is against the spirit of the legislation, its enactment in Scotland is causing concern. Many small, one-person businesses are facing unacceptable levels of charges which will ultimately force them into bankruptcy.

The reason for my question was to enquire whether the Commission, when drafting this legislation, envisaged a cut-off point where small businesses fell out of the scope of the Regulation, or could that be dealt with at Member State level?

¹ OJ L 273, 10.10.2002, p. 1.