

WRITTEN QUESTION E-0787/04
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to the Commission

Subject: Problems relating to the transposition into national law of Directive 2002/2/EC on the circulation of compound feedingstuffs

On 29 January 2004 I received an answer from the Commission to my written question P-4074/03¹ concerning problems relating to the transposition into national law of Directive 2002/2/EC² on the circulation of compound feedingstuffs. The Commission indicated that it was aware that the implementation of national measures had been suspended in three Member States.

Proper administration entails adopting sound legislation and regularly evaluating and where necessary adjusting it. In this specific instance, problems have arisen even before the transposed provisions have been published or, in certain Member States, have entered into force. It may perhaps be that the consequences of the decision on indicating percentages on labels of compound feedingstuffs were misjudged.

In the light of the problems which have already arisen in a number of Member States:

Does the Commission envisage submitting a proposal to amend Directive 2002/2/EC in order to drop the compulsory indication of percentages on labels? Or does the Commission still stand fully behind the Directive, and does it intend to put forward a proposal for amendment only if legally obliged to do so as a consequence of the ruling of the Court and in the meantime to allow the implementation of the relevant measure, which is leading to distortion of competition, to continue?

¹ OJ C

² OJ L 63, 6.3.2002, p. 23