

WRITTEN QUESTION E-0918/05  
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to the Commission

Subject: Compatibility of German PETcycle system with EU directives

1. Is the German PETcycle system, a specific and isolated manufacturer's solution, compatible with the provisions of the relevant EU directives and the EU regulation on packaging? What are the grounds for the Commission's interpretation of the law on this issue?
2. Is the Commission aware that the Federal Government - directly citing EU provisions - has imposed a blanket ban on this returns system, whereas it has been used for years in other EU Member States such as France without any problems?
3. What is the Commission's view of the fact that the Federal Government justifies the ban in Germany on the grounds of EU law?
4. Has the Commission received complaints from German companies or other parties - in Germany or other EU Member States - regarding the ban on the PETcycle system? If so, what is its response?