

WRITTEN QUESTION E-5103/07  
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to the Commission

Subject: Danish surcharges on foreign credit cards

Can the Commission clarify its position on the application of additional charges to credit cards based on the country in which they were issued?

It has been brought to my attention that in Denmark supplementary charges are frequently applied to non-Danish credit cards. Cards registered outside Denmark frequently incur additional charges at the point of sale of up to 6% of the purchase price - vastly greater than the Danish-registered cards.

Does the Commission agree that this practice amounts to discrimination against other EU nationals within the single market? Will it consider taking action to address this situation?