WRITTEN QUESTION E-2394/08 by Lutz Goepel (PPE-DE) to the Commission

Subject: Obligation on Member States to make public and communicate information under Article 27(12) of Regulation (EC) No 882/2004

Article 27(12) of Regulation (EC) No 882/2004¹ on official controls performed to ensure the verification of compliance with feed and food law, animal health and animal welfare rules obliges Member States to make public the method of calculation of the fees for official controls (meat inspection) and communicate it to the Commission. The Commission examines whether the fees for official controls (meat inspection) comply with the requirements of this Regulation. In the Federal Republic of Germany, some fees have already been charged since 1 January 2007 for official controls (meat inspection) on the basis of Regulation (EC) No 882/2004.

- 1. Does the Commission know whether the calculations for the fees charged by the Federal Republic of Germany or subsidiary authority have been made public pursuant to Article 27 of Regulation (EC) No 882/2004?
- 2. Has the Federal Republic of Germany or subsidiary authority already communicated such fee calculation methods to the Commission?
- 3. If they have been made public, has the Commission examined these methods of calculating the fees and what is the outcome of the Commission examination?
- 4. Does the Commission produce a model for calculating the fees charged in accordance with Article 27 of the Regulation?

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