

WRITTEN QUESTION E-6508/08
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to the Commission

Subject: Operation of stem-cell banks in the EU

While it is no secret that the operation of stem-cell banks is governed by the provisions of Directives 2004/23/EC¹, 2006/17/EC² and 2006/85/EC³, disagreement continues to exist in many countries regarding the terms and conditions for the operation of private stem-cell banks.

Can the Commission provide the following information:

1. How many stem-cell banks are operating legally within the EU Member States? Does it have information for each Member State?
2. Has the basic Directive 2004/23/EC been transposed into national law by the Member States? If not, why not?
3. Have Commission inspectors been sent to the stem-cell banks in question and what were their findings?

¹ OJ L 102, 7.4.2004, p. 48.

² OJ L 38, 9.2.2006, p. 40.

³ OJ L 293, 24.10.2006, p. 3.