

**Question for written answer E-010805/2012
to the Commission**

Rule 117

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Subject: State aid control - export subsidies for doors and windows manufactured in Poland

The Polish Ministry for Economic Affairs, with assistance from the European Regional Development Fund ('Innovative Economy' Operational Programme), subsidises the export to other Member States of doors and windows manufactured in Poland. Target markets explicitly referred to by the Ministry are Germany, France, Italy and the Czech Republic.

There is concern that this support given to the Polish door and window industry puts manufacturers in other Member States at a competitive disadvantage and constitutes a breach of Article 107 TEU (ban on measures favouring certain undertakings or certain economic activities).

1. What action has the Commission already taken to verify whether inadmissible state aid is in fact involved in this case?
2. Has the Polish Government already been asked to clarify the circumstances of this case?
3. What further action does the Commission intend to take in order to prevent distortion of competition in favour of Polish door and window manufacturers? Can the Commission provide a timeframe for its investigation of this matter?