

ORAL QUESTION H-0528/03/rev.1
for Question Time at the part-session in October 2003
pursuant to Rule 43 of the Rules of Procedure
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to the Commission

Subject: Introduction of motorway charging in Germany

In its answer of 2.10.2003 (P-2694/03) the Commission confirms reports of discrimination in Germany against firms from other Member States.

In the meantime, the Federal German Government has postponed the introduction of the motorway toll indefinitely. In the light of this new development, can the Commission state whether the working party in its current form (comprising representatives of the Commission, the Federal German Government, the road haulage sector and Toll Collect) will continue its work, so that, should a new date be set for the introduction of the toll, a comprehensive report on the difficulties affecting the operation of the system and opinions on a possible breach of the Treaty can be made available.

Should the working party not be allowed to fulfil its remit, will the Commission, on the basis of the facts as they stand, then open infringement proceedings against Germany with a view to requiring the Federal German Government or the operating firm to demonstrate that all remaining discriminatory aspects of the system have been eliminated?

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