

ORAL QUESTION H-0567/03
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: ALTADIS restructuring

The Franco-Spanish tobacco group ALTADIS announced on 23 July 2003 that it was restructuring in order to match production to demand, a step involving the closure of various plants (Sevilla, Cádiz, Tarragona, Lille, Tonneins, Morlaix and Dijon) and the loss of 1276 jobs, 743 of them in Spain and 533 in France; the respective numbers of workers affected is actually 977 and 701 if we include transfers. This restructuring process has caused enormous social concern in France and Spain due to the large numbers of job losses involved, which come on top of the cutbacks that the Tabacalera and Seita companies carried out before their merger (the Spanish company shut down eight plants and fired 2100 workers).

Is the Commission aware of these circumstances? Is it going to monitor this restructuring?

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