

ORAL QUESTION H-0770/03
for Question Time at the part-session in December 2003
pursuant to Rule 43 of the Rules of Procedure
by Niels Busk
to the Council

Subject: State aid to Italian milk producers

The Italian Presidency has not yet answered my written questions on the same subject tabled in July 2003 and I am therefore tabling them again for an oral answer.

Will the Council say what the 'exceptional circumstances' are which 'justify' the Council's decision to approve Italian State aid to Italian milk producers pursuant to Article 88(2), third paragraph, of the EC Treaty?

If the same 'exceptional circumstances' are present in other Member States or in new Member States, will the Council approve similar State aid?

Will the Council explain how its decision to approve Italian State aid to Italian milk producers is consistent with the provisions of Article 12 of the Treaty concerning equal treatment of European citizens, including, therefore, milk producers?

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