

ORAL QUESTION H-0163/04  
for Question Time at the part-session in April 2004  
pursuant to Rule 43 of the Rules of Procedure  
by Lisbeth Grönfeldt Bergman  
to the Commission

Subject: Directive on combating late payment in commercial transactions

Directive 2000/35/EC<sup>1</sup> on combating late payment in commercial transactions is very important for the internal market since, in the long term, failure to pay results in less trade.

Will the Commission say how the implementation of the directive has proceeded, whether any assessment has been made of its impact in practice and whether the Commission plans to submit further proposals to improve the directive?

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<sup>1</sup> OJ L 200, 8.8.2000, p. 35