ORAL QUESTION H-0376/04 for Question Time at the part-session in November 2004 pursuant to Rule 109 of the Rules of Procedure by Mihael Brejc to the Council

Subject: Difficulties encountered by European firms as regards exports to the United States

I have recently received increasing reports that, because of tighter border security measures, the US customs authorities need a great deal of time to inspect goods produced by European firms, resulting in longer delivery times and higher operating costs. Because it is impossible to tell how long goods will take to inspect, delivery is delayed.

What will the Council do, within its area of responsibility, to enable European firms to trade more easily in the US?

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