

ORAL QUESTION H-0622/07
for Question Time at the part-session in September II 2007
pursuant to Rule 109 of the Rules of Procedure
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to the Commission

Subject: Health Services Directive and its impact on pharmacists' shops

In view of the infringement procedures opened by the Commission and its internal market DG, seeking to liberalise pharmacists' shops by breaking down a structure and system which serves citizens perfectly well and contributes to a quality pharmaceutical service;

Does the Commission want to turn this area into a perfect market regulated by the law of supply and demand, in which the health of citizens and the values and principles agreed on by the EU Council are merely marginal considerations?

Does the Commission think that it is possible to amend the Treaty (Article 152) on the basis of infringement procedures, and voting over the regulatory institutions, namely the Council, the European Parliament and the national parliaments?

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