

ORAL QUESTION H-0297/08
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to the Commission

Subject: European standardisation system

Europe needs new innovative technologies to boost the EU economy. However, without a transparent and non-discriminatory European standardisation system SMEs will not be able to benefit from the internal market. Some innovative SMEs have encountered serious obstacles in developing new standards. Standardisation should not serve as a tool preventing competitors from entering markets. In the framework of the revision of the Construction Products Directive (Council Directive 89/106/EEC¹), does the European Commission intend to examine the transparency, impartiality and efficiency of the European standardisation system for innovative products, in particular the European Organisation for Technical Approvals and its links to large incumbent companies?

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¹ OJ L 40, 11.2.1989, p. 12.