ORAL QUESTION H-0603/08 for Question Time at the part-session in September I 2008 pursuant to Rule 109 of the Rules of Procedure by Mihael Brejc to the Commission

Subject: Consumer protection

Because of the new EU security regulations restricting the quantity of liquid that they may carry with them on board, passengers cannot buy water, for example, until after they themselves and their hand-baggage have been security-checked. At some airports, however, in the shops and bars beyond the security checkpoints, the prices charged for, say, water are as much as five to six times higher than the normal prices. Traders are plainly abusing the strict security regulations at consumers' expense.

How does the Commission view this situation and what steps can it take to prevent further instances of such abuse?

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