

ORAL QUESTION H-0660/08  
for Question Time at the part-session in September II 2008  
pursuant to Rule 109 of the Rules of Procedure  
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to the Commission

Subject: Restructuring of Polish shipyards

Although the Polish Government had until 10 July 2008 to complete its restructuring plans for the shipyards in Gdynia and Szczecin, the relevant documents were not submitted. The existing restructuring and privatisation plans for the shipyards in question were rejected by the Commission on the grounds that the following conditions had not been met: long-term profitability, a reduction in production capacity, a greater funding contribution from investors and an agreement not to provide any further support to the undertakings concerned from the State budget. If the Commission does not extend the deadline for submitting these documents, the shipyards will become insolvent. In addition, an Internet portal has reported that a Commission representative advised investors interested in purchasing the shipyard in Szczecin to wait until it was declared insolvent.

What is the Commission's position on this matter?

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