

ORAL QUESTION H-0841/08
for Question Time at the part-session in November 2008
pursuant to Rule 109 of the Rules of Procedure
by Paolo Bartolozzi
to the Commission

Subject: Evaluation report on Regulation (EC) No 1400/2002

Does the Commission agree that the evaluation report of 28 May 2008 on Regulation (EC) No 1400/2002¹ on motor vehicle distribution implies, without providing any adequate justification, that the content of the legislation must be radically revised, despite the fact that competition in the markets concerned has increased in the last five years in which the Regulation has been in force?

Does the report not contradict the Commission itself, which recognises the distinctive features of the motor vehicle distribution and after-sales service sector and the need for special provisions to meet the needs of some 350 000 SMEs employing about 2.8 million people?

Does the Commission agree that there is no justification for abandoning the Regulation, which would breach the general principle of reliability, as recognised by the case law of the Court of Justice of the European Communities?

Would it not be better to improve the existing legislation rather than repeal it?

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¹ OJ L 203, 1.8.2002, p. 30