ORAL QUESTION H-0173/09 for Question Time at the part-session in April 2009 pursuant to Rule 109 of the Rules of Procedure by John Attard-Montalto to the Commission

Subject: Sea Malta case

Before and after the Maltese Government voluntarily wound up the allegedly insolvent Sea Malta Co on 31 December 2005, the Government, which was the majority shareholder, breached various local Laws, namely: a) the Company Law and b) the Employment and Industrial Relations Act (EIRA), the Malta Merchant Shipping Act (MSA) and the Seafarers' Collective Agreement (CBA).

The Directors were permitted to continue trading up to the day of the wind-up, while the company was insolvent. The company failed to settle the 'notice money' and 'terminal benefits' as per EIRA, MSA and CBA respectively.

Could the Commission investigate alleged breaches described above and urge Maltese Government to comply with all the local laws?

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