

ORAL QUESTION O-0042/01

pursuant to Rule 42 of the Rules of Procedure

by Ana Palacio Vallelersundi, on behalf of the Committee on Legal Affairs and the Internal Market
to the Commission

Subject: Strategy for the internal market

How does the Commission envisage ensuring that internal market policies respond in the best possible way to the needs of citizens, consumers and business, and what enhanced feedback mechanisms are needed?

What mechanisms should be put in place to supplement the present business impact assessments; to evaluate compliance costs and to sound out the views of the various interest groups on the desirability of regulation?

Has the Commission any plans to improve the drafting quality of Community legislation over and above what has already been done pursuant to the interinstitutional Agreement of 22 December 1998 on common guidelines for the quality of drafting of community legislation?

How does the Commission envisage establishing minimum requirements in the areas of the environment, social policy and consumer protection in order to guarantee that the system of mutual recognition functions smoothly.

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