

WRITTEN QUESTION P-0202/00
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to the Commission

Subject: Customs procedures employed against Saint Pierre and Miquelon

In the light of an inquiry conducted by the Unit for the Coordination of Fraud Prevention, certain European customs authorities have been instructed to refuse certificates of release for free circulation from the Saint Pierre and Miquelon territorial collectivity pursuant to Article 101 of Decision 91/482/EEC¹

In relation to this particular case, will the Commission say what it defines as customs clearance procedures not subject to 'an exemption from, or a refund of, in whole or in part, customs duties or taxes having equivalent effect'?

In view of the huge difficulties that such procedures can and will pose for the Saint Pierre and Miquelon territorial collectivity, is the Commission in a position to grant the collectivity a stay of execution pending the final outcome of the ongoing inquiry, given that the latter has stated its readiness to take any corrective measure proposed by the Commission?

¹ OJ L 263, 19.9.1991, p. 1