

WRITTEN QUESTION P-3510/01
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to the Commission

Subject: Possible distortions of competition in the forestry sector in the Federal Republic of Germany

In the letter dated 3 February 2000 from the European Commission to the Foreign Minister of the Federal Republic of Germany, signed by Commissioner Franz Fischler (SG(2000) D/101191) and dealing with 'State aid No NN 136/99 - Germany (Brandenburg); state aid in the form of services provided to forest owners below cost price', the Commission noted that in the case in point the aid granted was consistent with the provisions of the EC Treaty, but went on to state that it was reviewing its policy on state aid in the forestry sector and reserved the right, in the future, to propose appropriate measures, pursuant to Article 88(1) of the EC Treaty.

Could the Commission state what the outcome of this policy review has been and what action it has taken, or what action it plans to take, in this area?