

WRITTEN QUESTION P-2239/02
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to the Commission

Subject: Export documents in the local language

Is it true that customs documents (in this instance, European Community export declarations) for the movement of goods inside and outside the European Union must be completed at the relevant customs post in the local language and in no other?

Is it not possible for such documents – as well as any other documents relating to the movement of goods – to be completed and submitted in English?

If that should not be the case, does the Commission have any plans to introduce a uniform language system or to authorise the use of any of the official languages of the European Union?

Do the Member States have any say in the selection of the language?