

WRITTEN QUESTION P-3001/02
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to the Commission

Subject: Wild birds Directive: different interpretations in the Member States

Directive 79/409/EEC¹ on the conservation of wild birds is a source of continuing controversy among both conservationists and hunters. The main reason for this is the widely differing interpretations of the Directive in the various Member States.

In view of the current discussions about the production of a guide to interpreting the wild birds Directive, how will the Commission ensure that interpretations do not differ so widely in future?

What possibilities does the Commission see of securing the Directive's praiseworthy goal of protecting species with less bureaucracy?

Is the Commission seeking to update the wild birds Directive as a means of attaining these objectives?

¹ OJ L 103, 25.4.1979, p. 1