

WRITTEN QUESTION P-1183/05
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to the Commission

Subject: Implementation in Member States of Directive 98/6/EC on consumer protection in the indication of the prices of products offered to consumers

Under Article 12 of Directive 98/6/EC¹ of the European Parliament and of the Council on consumer protection in the indication of the unit prices (per kilo, gram, litre etc.) of products offered to consumers, the Commission was to have submitted to the European Parliament and the Council, by March 2003, a comprehensive report on the application of that Directive, accompanied by a proposal. In addition, on that basis, the European Parliament and the Council were to re-examine the provisions of Article 6 in regard to their application by small retail businesses.

Given the importance of this report for achieving the objectives of the Directive, i.e. to improve consumer protection, encourage healthy competition, curb profiteering and effectively combat inflation, will the Commission say when it expects to present the report, which will provide an initial picture of how the Directive is applied in the Member States and, of course, help make further improvements to the Directive?

¹ OJ L 80, 18.3.1998, p. 27