

**Question for written answer P-000759/2011  
to the Commission**  
Rule 117  
**Peter Jahr (PPE)**

Subject: Interpretation of Regulation (EC) No 834/2007 on organic products

According to Regulation (EC) No 834/2007 of 28 June 2007 any operator who produces, prepares, imports from a third country or stores organic products is subject to certain notification and control obligations (Article 28). Exemptions are possible only for those operators who sell products directly to the final consumer provided they do not produce or prepare the products themselves and that they store the products at the point of sale (Article 28(2)).

Does the Commission support the view that an exemption from notification and control obligations is possible for online retailers and mail order companies?

Does the Commission believe, in particular, that the exemption in Article 28(2) is to be interpreted in such a way that all operators can be exempt if they sell the products in question to the final consumer, irrespective of whether the sale takes place in ordinary shops or via mail order or internet shopping?

If not, how does the Commission justify its view and how should Article 28(2) be interpreted in conformity with the law?