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ORAL QUESTION (0-125/77)

with debate pursuant to Rule 46 of the Rules of Procedure

by Mr NYBORG

on behalf of the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs to the Commission of the European Communities

Subject: New procedure for the elimination of technical barriers to trade

Parliament has already stressed on several occasions the need to introduce a more streamlined procedure for the elimination of technical barriers to trade and has in this connection proposed a new procedure<sup>1</sup>, under which the Commission would be given powers to promulgate implementing provisions pursuant to Article 155 of the EEC Treaty.

In June 1977 the problem of simplifying the procedure for the elimination of technical barriers to trade was once again raised in the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs. The responsible member of the Commission subsequently indicated that in view of the committee's favourable response to a preliminary draft for an outline directive of this nature in one particular

<sup>1</sup> OJ No. C 5, 8.1.1975, p.41  
OJ No. C 125, 8.6.1976, pp 43-45  
OJ No. C 118, 16.5.1977, p. 29

sector, his departments would draw up the proposal for the outline directive as quickly as possible for submission to the Council.

Would the Commission therefore state:

1. What progress it has made in drawing up this proposal for an outline directive in one sector and in drawing up the proposal for a Council decision laying down the principles of the new procedure for the elimination of technical barriers to trade;
2. When it plans to submit to the Council this proposal for an outline directive and the proposal for a Council decision on the procedure?