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ORAL QUESTION (O-144/82)

with debate pursuant to Rule 42 of the Rules of Procedure
by Mr ISRAEL and Mr. COUSTE
on behalf of the Group of European Progressive Democrats
to the Commission of the European Communities

Subject: Development of trade between East and West Germany
and its repercussions on intra-Community trade

In view of the increase in trade between East and West Germany, which is subject to an exemption arrangement designed solely to favour trade between the two Germanies, does the Commission feel that the 'Protocol on German internal trade and connected problems' is being applied correctly? Are the Commission's checks sufficient to prevent frauds concerning the origin of goods and the deflection of trade?

Can the Commission supply the European Parliament with the most recent data on German internal trade from the Federal Statistics Office?

Are these figures merely forwarded to the Statistical office of the European Communities or does the latter assist in the collection of data?

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Which are the sectors worst affected by the deflection of trade? What steps does the Commission intend to take to lessen the effects of the abuse of Community outlets by East and West Germany for products from other Comecon countries?