

WRITTEN QUESTION E-2337/07

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to the Commission

Subject: Article 9 of Directive 79/409/EEC

Article 9 of the Directive on the Conservation of Wild Birds (79/409/EEC<sup>1</sup>) allows Member States to apply a derogation, within the limits prescribed by the Article, and justify such application with the Commission.

How many such justifications on the application of the said derogation did the Commission receive from Member States since January 2004 and in respect of which countries and which hunting practices?

Does the Commission make its views on such derogations publicly available?

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<sup>1</sup> OJ L 103, 25.4.1979, p. 1.