Basic information

1995/2305(COS) COS - Procedure on a strategy paper (historic)	Procedure completed
Postal sector: rules of competition, assessment of certain state measures relating to the postal services **Subject** 3.30.09 Postal services, parcel delivery services	

Key players

European Parliament

Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
ECON Economic and Monetary Affairs, Industrial Policy	DE BRÉMOND D'ARS Georges (PPE)	18/12/1995

Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
JURI Legal Affairs, Citizens' Rights	COT Jean-Pierre (PSE)	24/01/1996
TRAN Transport and Tourism	FERBER Markus (PPE)	24/04/1996

Council of the European Union

Council configuration	Meetings	Date
Telecommunications	1888	1995-11-27

Key events

Date	Event	Reference	Summary
11/06/1995	Additional information		Summary
26/07/1995	Non-legislative basic document published	SEC(1995)0830	Summary
27/11/1995	Resolution/conclusions adopted by Council		
11/12/1995	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
20/11/1996	Vote in committee		Summary
20/11/1996	Committee report tabled for plenary	A4-0388/1996	
10/12/1996	Debate in Parliament		
12/12/1996	End of procedure in Parliament		
20/01/1997	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information	
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Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	ECON/4/07312

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1995/2305(COS) - 12/12/1996 - Text adopted by Parliament, single reading

In adopting the report by Mr Georges de BREMOND D'ARS (PPE, F), Parliament considered that the Commission should provisionally withdraw its draft notice on the postal sector, as it contained many contradictions and inconsistencies vis-à-vis the proposal for a directive and the amendments adopted by Parliament at first reading. It pointed out that the Court of Justice had confirmed that undertakings entrusted with the operation of services of general economic interest may be exempted from the application of the competition rules in the Treaty (Almelo case) . It was of the opinion that the final objective must be kept clearly in sight, namely the creation of a harmonized and liberalized postal market in controlled stages which must guarantee in any case a comprehensive, affordable, high-quality universal service to all citizens and with funding permanently assured.

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1995/2305(COS) - 26/07/1995 - Non-legislative basic document

OBJECTIVE: to present the principles which will guide the Commission in the application of the competition rules in the Treaty to the postal sector with a view to facilitating the gradual and controlled liberalization of the postal market, while maintaining the universal service guarantees needed.
CONTENT: the draft communication, which rounds off the harmonization measures proposed by the Commission, describes the approach which the Commission intends to take when dealing with the compatibility of national measures relating to a reserved service and/or limiting free competition on the postal markets with the competition rules in the Treaty. It confirms the right of Member States to maintain a limited reserved service at this stage. It

also addresses questions of cross-subsidy, non-discriminatory access to the network and the regulatory protection needed in order to guarantee fair competition in this sector.