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Answer given by Mr Byrne  
on behalf of the Commission  
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In its task of monitoring the application of Community law, the Commission systematically opens infringement proceedings against Member States which have failed to transpose directives within the prescribed deadline following its review of the implementation status of directives coming into force every two months.

In relation to the non-implementation of Council Directive 1999/74/EC of 19 July 1999 laying down minimum standards for the protection of laying hens, by the United Kingdom, the Commission opened infringement proceedings under Article 226 EC of the EC Treaty by a letter of formal notice dated 26 April 2002.