



Plenary sitting

B8-1223/2015

4.11.2015

MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

pursuant to Rule 133 of the Rules of Procedure

on protecting European consumers from planned obsolescence

Franz Obermayr

Motion for a European Parliament resolution on protecting European consumers from planned obsolescence

The European Parliament,

- having regard to Rule 133 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas the declared aims of the European Union include the protection of consumers' interests generally, taking action against unfair commercial practices, and, under the 2014-2020 EU consumer protection programme, the implementation throughout the single market of consumer protection directives;
- B. whereas consumers are not bring properly protected if electronic appliances are coming onto the market deliberately designed by their manufacturers with a predetermined lifespan, at the end of which they will no longer be functional;
- C. whereas many appliances have been developed in such a way as to make repairing them extremely difficult, thus obliging consumers to replace them with new ones;
 - 1. Considers that consumers in Europe need to be more effectively protected by making it unlawful to place on the EU market appliances with a functional lifespan predetermined by their manufacturers;
 - 2. Calls for action to halt practices that shorten the lifespan of products and to prohibit unnecessary complexity in the construction of products as a disincentive to repairing them.