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Subject: Presence of asbestos in Montetignoso post office (MS)

Data from the Regional Agency for the Protection of the Environment in Tuscany (ARPAT) have confirmed that the post office in via Roma, in Montetignoso (MS), which opened to the public in 1992, has been included since 2007 in the list of sites - a list which is unfortunately still far too long - contaminated by the structural presence of asbestos. This poses a danger to anyone visiting these premises.

Despite the numerous appeals made to local and national authorities, including by former employees, to remove the asbestos, to date it would appear that no clean-up has so far been carried out.

To confirm the gravity of the problem, as early as 2015 the National Asbestos Observatory condemned the fact that, specifically in Tuscany, every year there is an increase of up to 50% in the incidence of mesothelioma, one of the many forms of cancer linked to asbestos.

In the light, in particular, of the European Parliament resolution of 14 March 2013 on asbestos-related occupational health threats and prospects for abolishing all existing asbestos (2012/2065), which states, inter alia, 'that all types of asbestos-related diseases... can take several decades...to become apparent', what specific initiatives does the Commission intend to take in this regard to investigate compliance with the relevant European Directive 2009/148/EC?

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