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NOTICE TO MEMBERS

Subject: Petition No. 0385/2016 by Robert Claesen (Belgian) on noise pollution from the Terlaemen racetrack (Belgium)

1. Summary of petition

The petitioner claims that the Flemish authorities do not enforce European and Flemish noise legislation at the Terlaemen racetrack (Zolder-Heusden).

2. Admissibility

Declared admissible on 31 August 2016. Information requested from Commission under Rule 216(6).

3. Commission reply, received on 30 November 2016

Directive 2002/49/EC relating to the assessment and management of environmental noise (hereafter: the Directive) requires the preparation of noise maps and the preparation of action plans for agglomerations and major roads, railways and airports. The Directive also applies to noise from sites of industrial activities such as those listed in Annex I of Directive 2010/75/EC. The Directive does not set any limit or target values – it remains for the Member States to set any noise limit or target value they deem useful or necessary. Racing areas, unless identified as industrial activities by the Member State, are not covered by the Directive.

Conclusion

Based on the information available at this stage, the Commission cannot identify any breach of EU legislation.