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to the Commission

Subject: Draft Risk Assessment Report - Zinc and Zinc Chemicals

Is the Commission aware of the widespread concerns felt by the European General Galvanisers Association at the timescale for the completion of the Risk Assessment Report (RAR) by the European Chemicals Bureau into Zinc and Zinc Chemicals?

Does the Commission share our view that the RAR must take into account the findings of a substantial Europe-wide zinc research programme, due for completion by the end of 2002?

Further, is the Commission concerned that failure to take that research programme into account would result in itself, Parliament and Council receiving incomplete information about zinc and might lead to flawed and damaging legislation?