

WRITTEN QUESTION E-0446/02  
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to the Commission

Subject:           Electro-shock stun weapons and restraint equipment and CE mark

Throughout the world, electro-shock devices are being used to torture and ill treat people in prisons, police stations and detention centres. It has been brought to my attention that many of these 'stun guns' bear the CE trademark. Given the wide abuse of such weaponry, weapon manufacturers should be prevented using CE markings to promote their products. Could the Commission please clarify the process by which such weapons are accorded the invaluable CE safety marking and how many such manufacturers' products of this nature have been authorised?