

WRITTEN QUESTION E-3357/02
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to the Commission

Subject: Daily transit of bin lorries through Macastre (Valencia - Spain)

Over a hundred lorries laden with refuse pass through the streets of Macastre every day, heading for the Dos Aguas tip and causing major problems to the local population, since the refuse is not hermetically sealed on board the heavy lorries which transport it. Hence there are serious problems of smells, spillage, noise, etc.

The people of Macastre would not be suffering from these problems if the authorities responsible for collecting and transporting refuse within the Valencian Metropolitan Area for the Dos Aguas tip were applying the relevant Community legislation correctly.

One of the purposes of Directives 75/442/EEC¹ and 91/156/EEC² on waste is to protect human and environmental health from the prejudicial effects of collecting, transporting, treating and storing waste.

What steps can the Commission take to guarantee that Community legislation is applied in the above instance?

¹ OJ L 194, 25.7.1975, p. 39.

² OJ L 78, 26.3.1991, p. 32.