WRITTEN QUESTION E-2657/03 by Manuel Pérez Álvarez (PPE-DE) to the Commission

Subject: Health and safety in subcontracted companies

In recent months, the media have been reporting accidents at work involving serious injuries and even deaths amongst workers belonging to companies subcontracted by the main contractor, temporary workers and even workers supplied to the main contractor by a temporary job company.

The 2002-2006 Community health at work strategy covers new forms of productive work organisation on the basis of such things as out-sourcing, subcontracting, etc.

Given the situation referred to above, has the Commission made any provision for some kind of specific action to prevent or reduce accidents in work situations involving the presence and competition of various companies at a single workplace?

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