

WRITTEN QUESTION E-2000/04
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to the Commission

Subject: PLC technology

The Commission intends to adopt a recommendation related to PLC technology and users' possible exposure to interference in the radioelectric spectrum. In the text of the draft recommendation, it refers to Article 6 of Directive 89/336/EEC¹ on electromagnetic compatibility, as modified by Directive 93/68/EEC², and states that when dealing with interference Member States must take account of the importance of services and of the technical and economic aspects.

Should the text be adopted as above, the Commission would be recommending a framework of a much more flexible nature than the existing national and international rules in respect of the reduction of interference produced by what it terms electrical installations of whatever type including energy distribution networks.

Is the Commission aware that, should the terms of its recommendation text be maintained as approved by COCOM on 30 June 2004, it would be in breach of certain aspects of the International Telecommunications Union rules on radio broadcasting, despite the fact that those rules have the character of an international treaty which is binding on the public administrations concerned?

¹ OJ L 139, 23.5.1989, p. 19

² OJ L 220, 30.8.1993, p. 1