WRITTEN QUESTION E-0601/05 by Christopher Huhne (ALDE) to the Commission

Subject: Clinical waste disposal

Will the Commission indicate whether current EU legislation regarding waste disposal prohibits the disposal of all clinical waste by landfill in the UK (including, for example, surgical dressings, and with particular reference to the Landfill Directive 99/31/EC¹)?

Will the Commission indicate whether such legislation also applies to the collection of clinical waste?

Will the Commission indicate whether legislation regarding the disposal or collection of clinical waste is binding?

Is the Commission currently investigating any possible breaches of such legislation in the UK?

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¹ OJ L 182, 16.7.1999, p. 1.