

WRITTEN QUESTION E-5049/06
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to the Commission

Subject: Introduction of a license fee for new types of devices capable of receiving television and radio broadcasts in Germany from January 2007

From January 2007, a new broadcasting license fee will come into force in Germany for new types of devices such as internet-capable computers. A consequence of this is that internet-capable computers which are not used in a private environment will automatically be liable for this fee, even if they are not used to receive broadcasts.

Does the Commission believe that this new German broadcasting license fee is compatible with EU law?