

WRITTEN QUESTION E-0840/07

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to the Commission

Subject: Criminal penalties for pollution

A refrigerator vessel recently spilled its load in Algeciras Bay. There was serious damage to the coastline and protected areas of major environmental importance have been placed at great risk.

Directive 2005/35/EC¹ and Council Framework Decision 2005/667/JHA² require Member States to introduce mechanisms allowing for criminal or administrative penalties to be imposed in the event of marine pollution resulting from intent, recklessness or serious negligence. Article 16 of the aforementioned Directive states that Member States must transpose the Directive by 1 March 2007.

Can the Commission state whether Member States have adopted the measures necessary for the incorporation of the Directive into national law?

¹ OJ L 255, 30.9.2005, p.11.

² OJ L 255, 30.9.2005, p. 164.