

WRITTEN QUESTION E-0836/09
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to the Commission

Subject: Issuing of medical certificates

It is by no means unusual for fitness and beauty centres or sports clubs (football or basketball clubs for example) to require prospective members to undergo a physical check-up by a suitably qualified practitioner and obtain a medical certificate prior to registration, with a view to avoiding any immediate or subsequent health problems as a result of intensive sports activity.

1. Which Member States require prospective members of fitness and beauty centres and sports clubs to produce medical certificates prior to registration and which do not?
2. If certain Member States have not introduced the necessary legal framework provisions is the Commission prepared at Community level to seek the introduction of statutory safeguards in the form of medical certificates to be produced by those seeking to engage in the above activities, given that, as things now stand, some European citizens enjoy such protection and others do not?