

WRITTEN QUESTION E-1485/09
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to the Commission

Subject: Identification of owners of prepaid card phones

The fact that, in many Member States, mobile phone companies provide some of their services (such as prepaid card phones) without first requiring their customers to register their personal details has made it easier for criminals to take advantage of the opportunity to act anonymously.

1. Does the Commission approve of the above practices?
2. Does it consider that Community legislation should be amended to cover the registration of the personal details of customers who are owners of prepaid card phones?