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Subject: Directive 2004/37/EC

The Association of Free Trade Unions of Slovenia (ZSSS), a member of the European Trade Union Confederation (ETUC), is spearheading a campaign in Slovenia to have extra safeguards built into Directive 2004/37/EC on the protection of workers from the risks related to exposure to carcinogens or mutagens at work.

There are still only three carcinogens for which the directive lays down binding limit values for occupational exposure. The ETUC, however, has compiled a list of the 50 main carcinogens, which account for 80% of workplace exposure to carcinogens in the EU.

The Commission has repeatedly been asked to make the necessary additions to the directive, and proposals have been submitted to it for that purpose.

When will the Commission adopt binding European limit values for occupational exposure to the 50 main carcinogens? We are calling upon it to do so this year in order that the number of occupational cancer victims may start to be reduced without further delay.