

ORAL QUESTION H-0417/00
for Question Time at the part-session in May 2000
pursuant to Rule 43 of the Rules of Procedure
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to the Commission

Subject: Draft directive on Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE)

The issue of the recycling of electrical and electronic equipment has been under discussion in the Commission for several years. In July 1999 the Commission launched a draft proposal for a directive on Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE). In the interim, certain Member States have been developing their own legislation on this matter.

Can the Commission provide the European Parliament with more information as to the status of the proposal, given the fact that - according to some information - the Directorate-General for Enterprise initiated work on a somewhat overlapping directive called Environmental impact of Electrical and Electronic Equipment (EEE).

What timescale does the Commission foresee for the WEEE initiative, taking into consideration that further delays would give rise to different national approaches and could result in a lack of harmonisation?

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