

ORAL QUESTION H-0504/08
for Question Time at the part-session in July 2008
pursuant to Rule 109 of the Rules of Procedure
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to the Commission

Subject: Recycling of manufacturing waste

Over recent years, an increasing number of state-owned industrial plants have come under private ownership, particularly in the new Member States. Unfortunately, no one has given any thought to what is to be done with the manufacturing waste left behind. That waste poses a serious threat to the environment and public health. In the majority of cases, once they have purchased the plants, the new owners do not have enough money to recycle (destroy) the waste left behind, and no monies are available for this purpose from the state. Owing to a lack of domestic legislation on waste and the huge costs involved in destroying the waste, the owners are simply sitting idly by. Should this state of affairs continue, in a couple of years' time it may be too difficult to bring the situation under control.

Does the Commission intend to take any action in this matter?

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