

ORAL QUESTION O-0139/00

pursuant to Rule 42 of the Rules of Procedure

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to the Commission

Subject: Court of Justice ruling of 5 October 2000 annulling the directive on tobacco advertising

- (a) What action does the Commission believe should be taken regarding the now concluded legal procedure for the adoption of the Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament of the Council on the approximation of the laws, regulations and administrative provisions of the Member States relating to the advertising and sponsorship of tobacco products (recast version)?
- (b) What steps does the Commission intend to take regarding the 1998 Directive, given the legal situation following the Court ruling? Does it intend to present a fresh proposal, and if so, what changes to the original version of the Directive are to be expected?
- (c) What will the consequences of the Court ruling be for future proposals for internal market legislation based on Article 95 of the EC Treaty?

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