

WRITTEN QUESTION P-3694/00  
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to the Commission

Subject: Protection of workers at the work place

Directive 2000/54/EC<sup>1</sup> of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 September 2000 places special emphasis on the protection of workers from health and safety risks related to exposure to biological agents at work.

In this connection, specialists in hygiene and preventive medicine are specifically trained to deal with health surveillance of workers who are or may be exposed to such agents in their work, especially as regards adopting all possible preventive measures such as vaccinations.

Once again the question arises, then, of whether specialists in hygiene and preventive medicine can be employed as medical officers responsible for health and safety at the workplace, thereby taking advantage of the adoption of the EU directive by all Member States.

Will the Commission therefore say whether it intends to take specific measures to enable specialists in health and preventive medicine to act as medical officers with responsibility for health and safety at the work place?

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<sup>1</sup> OJ L 262, 17.10.2000, p. 21