

WRITTEN QUESTION P-0408/04
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to the Commission

Subject: Implementation of the Environmental Noise Directive in the Netherlands

Directive 2002/49/EC¹ on the management of environmental noise requires every Member State to make environmental noise maps for all major airports which have more than 50 000 movements per year.

Correspondence between the Netherlands Government and the Second Chamber shows that the Netherlands is planning to make an environmental noise map and draw up an accompanying action plan solely in respect of Schiphol Airport.

Movement data provided by the Central Statistical Office in 2001 show a different picture. The airports in Rotterdam (92 874), Groningen (61 324) and Maastricht (58 534) are already above the 50 000 limit, while Lelystad, with 47 135 movements, has almost reached the critical threshold.

Can the European Commission publish a definitive list of all the airports in the Netherlands which have more than 50 000 movements?

What will the Commission do if the Netherlands remains in breach of its obligations?

¹ OJ L 189, 18.7.2002, p. 12.