

WRITTEN QUESTION P-0567/04  
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to the Commission

Subject:           Limitation of public exposure to electromagnetic fields

Council recommendation 1999/519/EC<sup>1</sup> of 12 July 1999 on the limitation of exposure of the general public to electromagnetic fields (0 Hz to 300 GHz) set up a Community framework with regard to exposure to electromagnetic fields, to provide protection in areas where members of the public spend significant time in relation to the effects of these fields.

One point of the recommendation provides for revision in the light of progress in scientific assessment of the effects of exposure to electromagnetic fields and on the basis of national reports to be prepared after a period of three years and a Commission report prepared within five years.

1.       Can the Commission state the current situation regarding the report that it is due to present before 12 July 2004 and state progress in implementing the recommendation, on the basis of information forwarded in the Member States' reports?
  
2.       Does the Commission envisage proposing a specific directive on electromagnetic contamination, to establish a Community framework with a high level of protection against public exposure to electromagnetic fields, in accordance with the precautionary principle with regard to environmental protection and public health?

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<sup>1</sup> OJ L 199, 30.7.1999, p. 59.