

## Electromagnetic fields: moratorium extended until 31 October 2013

**The European Parliament extended to 31 October 2013 the application of the directive on electromagnetic fields which was due to take effect on 30 April 2012. At the same time, a new legislative proposal is being scrutinised within the Employment and Social Affairs committee.**

« This new deadline will give us a room for manoeuvre in order to find a possible agreement with Council on the new proposal. We need a new legislation to protect workers from the exposure to electromagnetic fields, before the legislative term, that takes into account the specificities of the different sectors of activity", said Elisabeth Morin-Chartier (EPP, FR), steering the legislation through Parliament.

The European Commission initially proposed to postpone the application of the Directive until 30 April 2014. MEPs win deal with Council to extend the moratorium until 31 October 2013 in order to adopt a new legislation before the end of the legislative term.

### Background

The Directive of 2004/40/CE on protecting workers from the exposure to electromagnetic fields hasn't been transposed into national law after some sectors, in particular the medical sector, expressed their concerns about the impact of the Directive on their activities. The initial transposition date has been postpone from 30 April 2008 to 30 April 2012 to enable to launch new studies and to revise the legislation. The Commission issued its new proposal on 14 June 2011 which is being currently discussed within the Employment and Social Affairs committee.

*Procedure:co-decision*

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