

However, the Honourable Member should know that the Commission is currently examining scientific justification recently submitted by Finland under the Treaty of Accession. Finland is requesting an amendment of Community legislation to ban the use of tylosin and spiramycin as additives, in order to preserve their effectiveness as substances authorised as veterinary medicinal products.

(¹) OJ L 330, 25.11.1978.

(²) OJ L 270, 14.12.1970.

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WRITTEN QUESTION E-3394/97
by Mark Watts (PSE) to the Commission
(23 October 1997)

Subject: Wind farms

Can the Commission confirm whether there is any truth in the rumour that there will be no new wind farms created within the EU?

If this is the case, can the Commission comment on why such a decision has been taken?

Answer given by Mr Papoutsis on behalf of the Commission
(5 December 1997)

The Commission is unaware of any decision in the Member States to block the construction of wind farms or the development of that form of renewable energy.

Indeed, it has information from specialist circles pointing to a generally optimistic assessment of the prospects for the medium and long-term growth of wind energy within the Community.

The Commission is of the opinion that renewable energy sources, including wind energy, are insufficiently exploited in the Community. The Community provides support for promotion of renewable sources of energy, for instance in the framework of the Altener and Joule-Thermie programmes, but the Commission is convinced that renewable energy represents a significantly under-exploited energy potential. It therefore intends to step up its efforts in this area, in order to meet the indicative objective of doubling the contribution from renewable sources of energy between now and 2010, as outlined in its recent white paper 'Energy for the future: renewable sources of energy — a strategy and action plan'.

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WRITTEN QUESTION E-3398/97
by Amedeo Amadeo (NI) to the Council
(28 October 1997)

Subject: Human rights in Algeria

The bloodshed is continuing in Algeria. More than 60 people were murdered by armed gangs on the night of Sunday, 28 and in the early hours of Monday, 29 September 1997 in the Blide region in the west of the country, 50 km from Algiers, and in two districts on the western outskirts of Algiers. The press accounts are terrifying: the newspaper *Libertà*, for example, reported among other things that a baby's head had been found on the roof of a house.