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Green parties in Belgium ask for tougher electromagnetic standards

The Ecolo-Groen group carries on in the House, via a motion, its goal of having tougher standards for electromagnetic telecommunication devices, as reported by the authors of this text, Mrs Theresa Snoy (Ecolo) and Tinne Van der Straeten (Groen).

The proposal aims to reach in two successive steps the standards that prevail in Austria, the European country with the most severe standards in this area. In a way, it mimics the Flemish (Northern Belgium) decree proposal.

For all equipment that emit electromagnetic radiation's and in particular telecommunication base stations of high and hyper-high frequencies (0.1 MHz and 300 GHz), it provides as a first phase to impose a maximum, never to be exceeded, standard of 3 volts per meter for a frequency of 900 MHz.

In a second phase, that is before 2012, it provides to take this standard down to 0.6 V / m, which is equivalent to the Austrian standard.

The motion also demands product national standards which will be conditional for the marketing of devices emitting electromagnetic radiation's. These include not only mobile phones and other mobile devices such as home cordless phones with a base station, but also WiFi and wireless babyphones.

It also provides to officially recognize the electrohypersensitivity (EHS) as a public health problem and to increase public awareness on the risks of electromagnetic radiations.