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SUBJECT: (please specify) Implementation of the Hens Directive

TEXT:

In July 1999 the European Union took a step forward in prohibiting the battery cage for egg laying hens when it agreed Council Directive 1999/74/EC.

Under Article 13 of the Directive Member States are required to implement the Directive before 1 January 2002 and inform the Commission thereof.

Given that the United Kingdom has not yet implemented Council Directive 1999/74/EC has the Commission begun infringement proceedings against the UK to ensure that animal welfare is given a higher priority by the government?

Signature(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Date: 29/04/02