European Commission: Infringement Proceedings against Spain over “Television without Frontiers” Directive

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The European Commission indicates in its Third Report on the application of the Directive "Television without Frontiers" that it has initiated infringement proceedings against Spain for poor application of the provisions of Directive 89/552/EEC not amended by Directive 97/36/EC.

Moreover, the Commission is in the process of gathering the information it needs to assess the extent to which the practices of certain Spanish broadcasters could constitute further infringements by Spain. The Commission has received several complaints (often coming from consumers' associations) about alleged instances of failure to comply with the rules on advertising and sponsorship. According to these complaints, the quantitative ceilings established by the "Television without Frontiers" Directive are being exceeded.

The Third European Commission Report on the application of the Directive 89/552/EEC "Television without Frontiers", COM (2001) 9 of 15 January 2001, Paragraph 4.4. - Application of the rules on advertising (Articles 10 to 20)

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