



Postponement of the European Directive 2004/40/EC for EMF at work

On 26 October 2007, the European Commission announced the postponement of the implementation of the Physical Agents (EMF) Directive (Directive 2004/40/EC on the minimum health and safety requirements regarding the exposure of workers to the risks arising from physical agents (electromagnetic fields))¹. This proposal amends the date of transposition of Directive 2004/40/EC to 30 April 2012, in order to allow enough time to prepare a modified text that will better take into account some technologies using static or extremely low frequency fields, such as magnetic resonance imaging (MRI). Read the [European Commission press release](#) for more details.

MMF and GSMA members are committed to ensuring that the working environment of their employees near transmission antennas complies with the applicable requirements for EMF exposure. Whenever relevant, they also rely on the international safety guidelines endorsed by the World Health Organization and adopted by many countries around the world. These provide a sound scientific basis for assuring a healthy and safe work environment for those who work in the vicinity of radio frequency transmitters.

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¹ [http://europa.eu.int/eur-lex/lex/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=CELEX:32004L0040R\(01\):EN:HTML](http://europa.eu.int/eur-lex/lex/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=CELEX:32004L0040R(01):EN:HTML)