

Language Technology to Support the Fight against Fraud

E-3083/95 by **Martin Schulz (PSE)** - Seizure of **plutonium** at **Munich** airport

In the summer of 1994 a **suitcase** containing **plutonium** illegally imported into **Germany** was seized in sensational circumstances at **Munich** airport in the **Federal Republic of Germany**. Is the **Commission** aware of this matter and, if so, when were the **Commission** and its services, and other European agencies, informed of it? Can the **Commission** say whether the **Joint Research Centre** in **Karlsruhe** was involved, what services it provided for the **German** police, when it provided them, when the **plutonium** was seized, and when it was handed over to the **Joint Research Centre**?

2 - Answer given by **Mr Papoutsis** on behalf of the **Commission**, (10 January 1996)

The Commission would refer the Honourable Member to its earlier replies to questions about this incident (Written questions 1489/95(1) OJ C 213, 17.8. 1995 and 1508/95(2) OJ C 230, 4.9.1995) by **Mrs Breyer**. The **Commission** (Euratom safeguards directorate) was alerted by the **German** authorities in the early afternoon of 10 August, 1994, that some material might be seized. In accordance with formal agreements between the **Commission** and the **German** government this information was immediately passed by phone to the **European Institute for transuranium elements** (TUI) at **Karlsruhe** to ensure that preparations were made to receive any material seized. The seizure was made by the **German** police, and the TUI was not involved. Its activities that night were limited to receiving the closed **suitcase** at its premises in **Karlsruhe**. Subsequently, the TUI performed a precise analysis of the material found inside the **suitcase**, to support the in State authorities and to determine as far as possible the source of

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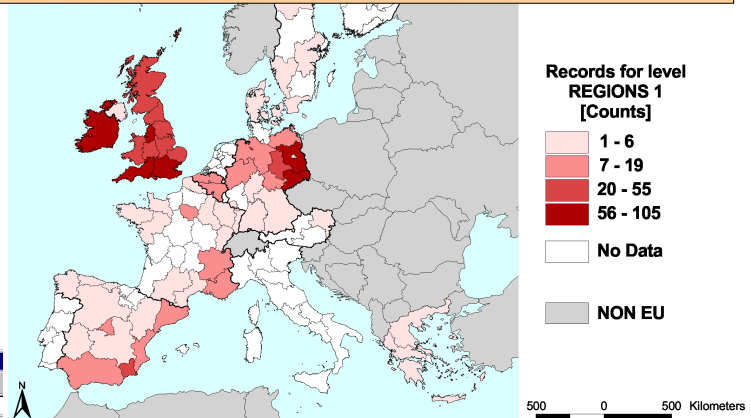
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Title E-3083/95 by Martin Schulz (PSE) Seizure of plutonium at Munich airport Retrieval Date 03.05.1999 Creation Date 27.03.1996 Language(s) English (97% probability) Source http://cnmn.com/digital/jam/wires/9906/13/plutonium_eu.html Display Language English (En, Fr, De, Es, It, Pt, Da, Fi, He, Ni, Sv)		
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Names Organisations: Commission, European Institute for Transuranium Materials (TUI), Joint Research Centre, PSE People: Martin Schulz, Mrs. Breyer, Mr. Papoutsis	Combined Nomenclature Product Groups CN 2844: "radioactive chemical elements and radioactive isotopes, incl. their fissile or fertile chemical elements and isotopes, and their compounds; mixtures and residues containing these products" (plutonium , 3) CN 4204: "Trunks, suit, vanity, executive, brief, spectacle, binocular, camera, musical instrument, gun cases, holsters and similar, travelling, toilet bags, rucksacks, handbags, school satchels, shopping-bags, wallets, purses, map, cigarette cases" (suitcase , 3)	Document Summary E-3083/95 by Martin Schulz (PSE) Seizure of plutonium at Munich airport In the summer of 1994 a suitcase containing plutonium illegally imported into Germany was seized in sensational circumstances at Munich airport in the Federal Republic of Germany. The Commission (Euratom safeguards directorate) was alerted by the German authorities in the early afternoon of 10 August, 1994, that some material might be seized.
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