

Office of public health answers Elektrosmog a zdravie about SAR, 22 nov. 2022

Question: Did you conduct tests on the specific absorption value (SAR)?

Answer: The Office of Public Health of the Slovak Republic does not have the competence, nor does it fall under its professional activities, to perform Specific Absorption Rate (SAR) tests. The SAR should be set by the manufacturer and any surveillance activities should be carried out by the relevant test company.

Question: Were defected models the subject of special attention in Slovakia?

Answer: The same applies to point 2. If in France they consider some models to be unsatisfactory, then this issue must be resolved at the EU level, because products of this type on the EU market must be marked with the CE mark. The CE marking is the main indicator that a product complies with EU legislation and enables the free movement of products on the European market. The manufacturer is obliged to carry out a conformity assessment and attach the CE marking to the product. By affixing the CE mark to a product, the manufacturer, on his sole responsibility, declares compliance with all legal requirements for obtaining the CE mark, thereby securing the right to sell the given product throughout the European Economic Area.

Question: Are you aware of the ANSES recommendations?

Answer: We do not have such information.

Question: Do you intend to carry out yourself or in cooperation with other authorities SAR measurements for mobile phones used on the national market in compliance with ANSES recommendations?

Answer: The same - CE marking.

We will not perform SAR measurements. In the case of exposure of the population, Slovak legislation does not have a SAR limit (we have other quantities - field intensity, power flux density).

Question: Would support the French proposal in the relevant EU bodies?

Answer: We see no reason for France to seek support from entities in the Slovak Republic. In the case of relevant evidence of defective products, France must be presented themselves.

Kind regards,
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