Machinery used for applying pesticides in European farms, orchards, vineyards, parks and gardens will be more environmentally friendly, thanks to a measure adopted on 22 April 2009 by the European Parliament, amending the Machinery Directive 2006/42/EC. It will make a significant contribution to the protection of the environment and human health: the measure will ensure that new machinery for pesticide application is designed and manufactured so that the application of pesticides can be better controlled and unintended dispersal of pesticides in the environment can be minimised. It ranges from the large sprayers used by farmers to the smaller, portable equipment used by gardeners. ... Read the full article

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