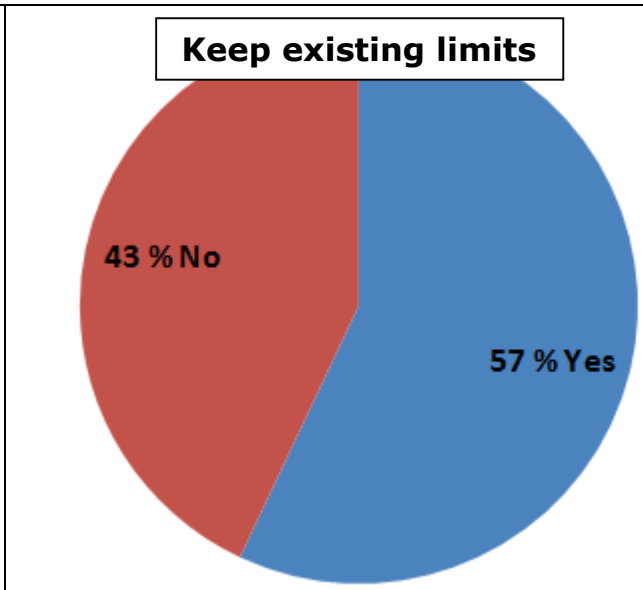
EMF Policy Facts:
Principality of Liechtenstein - EMF Exposure Limits

The Principality of Liechtenstein[1] is sometimes referred to as an example of a country that has adopted a very low (0.6 volt per metre) EMF exposure limit for mobile communication base stations, however this is incorrect. The Principality of Liechtenstein set RF EMF exposure limits[2] identical to Switzerland[3].

In May 2008, the Liechtenstein parliament changed the environmental law and ordered to reduce EMF exposure for mobile communication base stations from 6 v/m to 0.6 v/m by end of 2012. In summer 2009, trade organisations started a public law initiative, which aimed at abolishing the reduced EMF exposure limits and requested to keep the current ones. On August 18th, 2009 the Liechtenstein government announced that this public law initiative was sufficiently supported and handed the public law initiative over to the parliament.

On September 16th, 2009 the parliament rejected the public law initiative but ordered the government to hold a countrywide referendum on the issue, which was held on December 4th and 6th, 2009. The question the electorate had to decide on was whether the still applying EMF exposure limits should be kept. More than 2/3 of the voters participated in this referendum with 57% voting in favour of keeping the existing EMF exposure limits.[4] The results were as follows:

Municipality	Yes (in %)	No (in %)
Balzers	53,0	47,0
Eschen	55,1	44,9
Gamprin	62,9	37,1
Mauren	62,9	37,1
Planken	57,8	42,2
Ruggell	58,0	42,0
Schaan	54,8	45,2
Schellenberg	55,2	44,8
Triesen	55,5	44,5
Triesenberg	61,5	38,5
Vaduz	57,4	42,6



Subsequently, the parliament repealed the newly introduced regulation on lowering the exposure limits and the RF EMF exposure limits remain unchanged.

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[1] For more information on the Principality of Liechtenstein: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Liechtenstein
[2] http://www.gesetze.li/get_pdf.jsp?PDF=2008325.pdf
[3] http://www.mmfai.info/public/docs/eng/070327_Viewpoint_Swiss_ONIR.pdf
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