

Dangerous substances, metallic mercury: banning of exports, safe storage

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At its Plenary Session of 21 May 2008, the European Parliament adopted a compromise package consisting of 22 amendments which had been agreed with the Council in view of reaching a second reading agreement. The Commission accepts all the amendments as they are in line with the overall purpose and the general characteristics of the proposal.

These amendments concern essentially:

- the scope of the export ban (extended to two mercury compounds and mixtures with a high mercury content, in order to prevent circumventing the export ban on metallic mercury);
- the date of the entry into effect of the export ban (15 March 2011 instead of 1 July 2011);
- the link of an information exchange and a report on safe disposal (solidification) options to the adoption of specific acceptance criteria under comitology;
- extended reporting requirements;
- an enhanced revision clause.