Environmental reporting: procedural rules

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The Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety adopted the report by Francesc GAMBÚS (EPP, ES) on the proposal for a decision of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Directive 87/217/EEC of the Council, Directive 2003/87/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council, Directive 2009/31/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council, Regulation (EU) No 1257/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council, Council Directive 86/278/EEC and Council Directive 94/63/EC as regards procedural rules in the field of environmental reporting and repealing Council Directive 91/692/EEC.

The committee recommended that the European Parliament's position adopted at first reading in accordance with the ordinary legislative procedure should amend the Commission proposal as follows.

Objective of the decision: the proposal for a decision aims to repeal Council Directive 91/692/EEC on the standardisation of reports and amends six legal acts referring to it. Members pointed out that the objective of the proposed decision was in line with the principle of subsidiarity and the principle of proportionality.

Delegated acts: with regard to Directive 2009/31/EC on the geological storage of carbon dioxide and Directive 86/278/EEC on the protection of the environment, and in particular of soil, when using sewage sludge in agriculture, Members requested that the power to adopt delegated acts should be conferred on the Commission for a **period of five years** with the possibility of tacitly extending the delegation of power for periods of identical duration.

Ship recycling: as regards Regulation (EU) No 1257/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council, Members suggested that the **first electronic report** to be submitted by the Member States shall cover the period of three years from the date the date of application of the Regulation. Where a Member State authorises the recycling of ships in ship recycling facilities included in the European List prior to the date of application of this Regulation, the first electronic report of that Member State shall also cover the period from the date of such authorisation to the date of application of this Regulation.

Lastly, Members deleted the references and the date of entry into force in order to respect current trilogue negotiations on ETS and their outcomes.