

Contained use of genetically modified micro-organisms GMM (amend. Directive 90/219/EEC)

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Commissioner Brittan said that the Commission could accept Amendments Nos 5, 6, 17, 19, 25, 32 and 36. It could also partially accept Amendments Nos 8, 12, 13 and 14 and Amendments Nos 2, 18, 20, 21, 28, 33, 34 and 35 which, however, should be reworded. With particular regard to Amendment No 13, the Commission could accept a comitology procedure (2a) which was more flexible than that proposed by the Commission (3b). On the other hand, the Commission could not accept 17 amendments, particularly No 1 which proposed changing the legal basis from Article 130s to Article 100a. The scope of the directive in question did not impact on the functioning of the single market. As for Amendments Nos 4 and 9 on liability, the Commission preferred to deal with this problem in a horizontal manner to avoid any kind of fragmentation. Likewise, Amendment No 11 had to be rejected because technical amendments to Annex III needed to be made rapidly and flexibly without recourse to the ordinary legislative procedure. Finally, the Commissioner rejected Amendments Nos 3, 7, 10, 15, 16, 22, 23, 24, 26, 27, 29 and 30 to ensure consistency with the proposal as a whole and for technical reasons, namely the need to ensure that the burden of control measures was not increased.