Dangerous substances and preparations: azocolourants in textiles and leather (19th amend. Directive 76/769/EEC)

1999/0269(COD) - 18/02/2002 - Council position

The Common Position of the Council includes, in addition to the amendments accepted by the Commission, certain changes that would clarify and strengthen the proposed Directive. The Common Position of the Council provides for the introduction and review of testing methods by Committee procedure. It also accepts two other amendments tabled by the Parliament, by removing carpets from the non-exhaustive list of product categories covered by the provisions of this Directive. In the light of recent scientific and technical information an additional carcinogenic amine is included in the list of banned amines. The Common Position provides for a time-limited exemption for recycled fibres previously dyed with azo dyes. Lastly, the Council considers that the risk assessment procedures should be completed before extending the scope of the Directive to other articles and substances.