Atmospheric pollution, air quality: limit values for benzene and carbon monoxide CO (direct. 96 /62/EEC)

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The Commission's amended proposal contains four amendments formulated to bring the text of current proposal in line with the Directive 1999/30/EC. Another four amendments respond to the Parliament's first reading by extending Member States' obligations to forward information on assessments and concentrations to the public and the Commission. Two amendments give due consideration to the health risks related to benzene which is a genotoxic carcinogenic. The amendments not accepted include the following: -those amendments which refer to indoor air quality, since the scope of the proposal is restricted to ambient air which is defined as outdoor air only in the framework Directive 96/62/EC. -The amendment to the siting requirements are not in accordance with general technical advice and are not compatible with daughter Directive 1999/30/EC. -The Commission considers the possibility of derogations from the directive as necessary, but extensions may be limited to five years and the conditions for derogations should be made clear and explicitly tightened.