Dangerous substances and preparations: short chain chlorinated paraffins SCCP (20th amend. Directive 76/769/EEC)

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The aim of the amended proposal is to clarify the original proposal, without modifying its general structure and objectives. Of the four amendments adopted by Parliament, one has been accepted and part of another amendment accepted in principle. The Commission recognises that other known uses of Short Chain Chlorinated Paraffins (SCCP) should be included in a future review of the provisions and that the European Parliament should be informed about the outcome of the review and has therefore accepted to introduce the necessary clarifications. The Commission can also accept that the proposed Directive should cover SCCP in the form of a substance or as a constituent of a preparation. The Commission has not accepted amendments that would extend the scope of the proposed ban. The basis of the Commission's proposal is that particular risks have been identified in a comprehensive risk assessment carried out in the framework of Regulation 793/1993/EEC on the evaluation and control of existing substances. Therefore, the Commission cannot accept Parliament's amendments which relate to a ban on the use of SCCP as plasticiser in paints and coatings and as flame-retardant in rubber, plastics or textiles. This would not be justified on the current knowledge about risks. However, if such risks are identified, the Directive could be adapted to technical progress. Nor has the Commission accepted to commit itself to make proposals to restrict the use of other related substances.