Environment and health: electrical and electronic equipments WEEE, restriction of hazardous substances RoHS

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A substantial number of amendments were accepted by the Commission in full or in part, including the following: - the starting date of phase-out is changed to 2006. - the scope of the directive adding light bulbs, household luminaires and compact fluorescent lamps. - the pamendments on the phase-out of hazardous substances subject to re-wording. - the amendments to the Annex, subject to re-wording. Several were not accepted, particularly the following: - the reference to workers' protection falls outside the scope of this directive. - the scope is limited to PBB and PBDE and these terms cannot be replaced by "brominated flame retardants". - the requirement for the Commission to take into account technical data by 2003 cannot be accepted, but the Commission will take into account all relevant information.