Dangerous substances: carcinogens, mutagens, toxic to reproduction c/m/r (25th amend. Directive 76/769/EEC)

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PURPOSE: To include an updated list of carcinogens, mutagens and substances toxic to reproduction (c/m /r) to Community legislation relating to the marketing and use thereof. CONTENT: Commission Directive 67/548/EEC deals with the approximation of the laws, regulations and administrative provisions relating to the classification, packaging and labelling of dangerous substances. An Annex attached to this Directive lists all the c/m/r substances banned for use in the EU. It is updated on a regular basis depending on technical progress. It was last amended in 2001 for the twenty-eighth time. Added to the Annex were: - two new substances newly classified as carcinogenic (category 1), - nineteen substances newly classified as carcinogenic (category 2), - five substances newly classified as mutagenic (category 2), - one substance newly classified as toxic to reproduction (category 1), and - sixteen substances newly classified as toxic to reproduction (category 2). Complementing Directive 67/548/EEC is Directive 76/769/EEC on the approximation of the laws regulations and administrative provision of the Member States relating to restriction on the marketing and use of certain dangerous substances and preparations. The aim of this Directive is to establish uniform rules for the circulation of substances and preparations classified as c/m/r. The purpose of the present Commission proposal is to update Directive 76/769/EEC in line with the amendments to Directive 67/548/EEC. In other words incorporating the newly labelled substances outlined above into the Annex of Directive 76/769/EEC. The estimated costs are low due to their limited use by the general public.