

Packaging and packaging waste

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The draft report by Mr Vertemati (PSE, I) was adopted by the ENVI Committee by 25 votes to 5, with 4 abstentions, following voting of three hours on the 331 amendments tabled. The ENVI Committee adopted 98 amendments, in particular including: - 22, which excluded from the scope of application of the Directive primary packaging of pharmaceutical products and medical equipment (as a result of the risks to consumers' health) and packaging of a volume not above 100 cm³ and a weight of 3 g. - 27, amending Article 4(1) to specify that 'five years at latest (10 years in the Commission proposal) from the deadline for transposition of the Directive into national law, 60% by weight (90% in the proposal) of the production of packaging waste shall be taken from the waste stream for recovery'. - 38, calling for the introduction of a database whose creation could be decided within three years of the entry into force of the Directive. - 106, establishing a 'hierarchy of priorities' in packaging policy: prevention, re-use, recycling, incineration for energy recovery, incineration without energy recovery and disposal in landfills. - 240, calling for taxation measures by Member States. - 246, calling for the establishment of a joint standardisation committee with representatives from commerce, industry and consumer protection and environmental protection organisations. The task of this committee would be to propose a timetable for the standardisation of packaging. - 9, from the Economic Committee, prohibiting the use of the re-use or recycling symbol for packaging that has to be incinerated.