

Public health: protection of public and workers against ionizing radiation (rev. Direct. 80/836 /Euratom)

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The Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Consumer Protection adopted the report by Mr LANNOYE, highlighting the fact that basic standards need to be revised in order to take account of developments in scientific knowledge since the adoption of the two Euratom Directives 80/836 and 84/8467. The abolition of internal borders within the single market means that greater harmonisation and better environmental protection and working conditions are an absolute priority. Mr LANNOYE was convinced that a high level of harmonisation was essential. The most important amendments adopted were amendments 8 and 9 (severely curtailing practices for which no authorisation is required), amendment 13 (banning exports of radioactive substances), amendment 17 (making provision for protective measures for pregnant women) and amendments 31 and 32 (making substantial changes to the provisions in the Annexes to the proposal for a directive).