Packaging: marking and establishment of a conformity assessment procedure

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The report by Françoise GROSSETETE (EPP, F) adopted by the Committee is to introduce full harmonisation of marking on packaging. The report seeks to encourage consumer involvement in the recycling of packaging. It provides for a system of marking which can be used by producers on a voluntary basis to enable consumers to recognise recyclable and reusable packaging. An amendment adopted by the committee says that all packaging covered by Directive 94/62/EC on packaging and packaging waste should be subject to the conformity assessment procedure (technical documentation on the design and manufacture of the product) before being put on sale. The report as amended also says that liability for conformity to the directive should not be limited to manufacturers but should also include packers/fillers.