Dangerous substances: marketing and use of pentaBDE in polyurethane foam (24th amend. Directive 76/769/EEC)

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The committee adopted the report by Frédérique RIES (ELDR, B) amending the proposal under the codecision procedure (1st reading). It wanted the Commission to extend its proposed ban on pentaBDE to include a related substance, octaBDE, arguing that there was already enough proof that the latter was toxic as well and there was no need to wait for the final results of a risk assessment that was under way. It also wanted to strengthen the ban on pentaBDE by reducing the maximum permitted level of residues of this substance in other substances to 0.1 % rather than the 5 % proposed by the Commission.