

Dangerous preparations: classification, packaging and labelling

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OBJECTIVE: the proposal for a European Parliament and Council directive seeks to harmonize the provisions on the classification, packaging and labelling of dangerous preparations marketed in Europe in order to do away with obstacles to trade and guarantee a high level of health and environmental protection. **SUBSTANCE:** the proposal contains provisions which replace and consolidate the existing law on dangerous preparations (Directive 88/379/EEC), but also fresh provisions designed to: - update the directive in order to take account of the changes and bring the related directives into line with technical progress with a view to making them more user-friendly, particularly for SMUs and SMIs; - extend certain provisions of the directive to cover plant protection products, explosives and preparations which, without being dangerous within the meaning of the directive, may pose a danger to users; - introduce provisions on preparations which are dangerous to the environment.