Community ports: vessels carrying dangerous or polluting goods (amend. Directive 93/75/EEC)

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In its re-examined proposal following Parliament's second reading, the Commission has incorporated two of the four amendments adopted by Parliament. These are the amendments on the new version of the INF code (International Maritime Organization code on safety rules for the transport of irradiated nuclear fuel, plutonium and high-level radioactive waste in flasks on board ships), which came into force on 1 January 1998 and not 1 January 1996 as stated in the common position. The Commission also accepts a general amendment ensuring that the level of environmental safety standards laid down in the directive will be maintained even if texts, conventions and codes are modified at international level. The other amendments were either redundant (notification obligation for vessels in transit in the territorial waters of the Member States) or inappropriate.