Dangerous substances and preparations: short chain chlorinated paraffins SCCP (20th amend. Directive 76/769/EEC)

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The Common position follows the general lines of the Commission's amended proposal. Certain changes motivated on technical grounds and a clarification were introduced. Of the four amendments adopted by the Parliament one has been accepted and part of another amendment accepted in principle by the Commission. The Commission recognises that other known uses of SCCP should be included in a future review of the provisions and that the European Parliament should be informed about the outcome of the review and has therefore accepted to introduce the necessary clarifications in its amended proposal. The Commission has also accepted that the proposed Directive should cover SCCP in the form of a substance or as a constituent of a preparation. The Commission has not accepted amendments that would extend the scope of the proposed ban. The basis of the Commission's proposal is that particular risks have been identified in a comprehensive risk assessment carried out in the framework of Regulation 793/93/EEC on the evaluation and control of existing substances. To ban other uses or other related substances would not be justified by the current knowledge about risks. The Common Position of the Council includes, in addition to the amendments accepted by the Commission, certain changes motivated on technical grounds. These changes, which would not alter the Commission's proposal, would further clarify the scope of the proposed Directive. A clarification of the scope of the future review was also included. The Commission supports the Common Position because it follows the lines of its amended Proposal. The Commission made a declaration at the adoption of the Council common position concerning point 2 of the Annex to the Directive: "The Commission stated that it would examine all the remaining known uses and counted on the Member States' support in this work."