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

2000/0104(COD) - 27/06/2001 - Council position

To a large extent the common position corresponds to the Commission's amended proposal. However, the Commission accepted only one amendment and the principle of part of one of the four amendments proposed by the Parliament. The amendments accepted without amendment or with only minor changes relate to: - making it clearer in the Directive that all other uses of short chain chlorinated paraffins (SCCPs) will be re-examined in the future and that the European Parliament will be kept informed of the results of that re-examination; - including SCCPs as substances or as constituents of preparations, stipulating that the targets are substances or constituents of other substances or preparations. Moreover, the Council introduced a provision whereby the ban on marketing SCCPs applies only to concentrations higher than 1% for both of the applications mentioned. With regard to the amendments not accepted by the Council, the most important relates to broadening the scope of the proposed ban to include the use of SCCPs as plasticiser in paints, coatings and sealants, and as flame retardant in rubber, plastics and textiles.