

Industrial major-accidents: hazard control, dangerous substances

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The Commission notes that the Council agrees with the Commission that it is premature to opt for a more substantial review of Seveso II at this stage. The present Directive has only been applicable for three years. This is too short a period to get sufficient feedback from industrial operators or Member States with regard to any problems encountered in the application of the Directive. Without such feedback a broader revision, as requested by the European Parliament, cannot be justified at this stage. The Commission considers that the Common Position does not alter the approach and aims of the Proposal and can thus support the common position.