Dangerous substances and preparations: restrictions on the marketing and use (17th amend. Directive 76/769/EEC)

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OBJECTIVE: to ensure the harmonization throughout the European Union of substances classified in category 1 or 2 as carcinogenic, mutagenic or toxic to reproduction and to protect consumer health. COMMUNITY MEASURE: European Parliament and Council Directive 97/56/EC amending for the 16th time Directive 76/769/EEC on the approximation of the provisions relating to restrictions on the marketing and use of certain dangerous substances and preparations. SUBSTANCE: the amendment intends to ensure that substances classified as carcinogenic, mutagenic or toxic to reproduction and preparations containing them should not be placed on the market for use by the general public. The Member States must comply with the directive by 4 December 1998 at the latest and apply these provisions with effect from 1 March 1999.