

Industrial pollution: reduction of emissions of volatile organic compounds (VOC)

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Parliament adopted the recommendation for second reading by Mr Christian Cabrol (UPE, F) on volatile organic compounds (VOCs). The directive as presented in the common position covers industrial and craft activities, which may be responsible for more than 70% of emissions of volatile organic compounds (VOCs). One amendment was re-presented to bring under the scope of the provisions paints for buildings used by professional painters and for DIY, which are responsible for the remaining 30% of VOC emissions. Another amendment emphasises the need to take preventive measures for workers regularly in contact with organic solvents. The Member States are called upon to take the appropriate measures to promote the development of best available techniques. Member States which have progressed further than the Community in substituting dangerous organic solvents must be permitted to impose more stringent restrictions.