Child health protection: phthalates, dangerous substances, safety of toys (amend. Directives 76 /769/EEC, 88/378/EEC)

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The Commission states that it accepts in full all four amendments adopted by the European Parliament.

They are the result of a compromise package agreed between the Parliament and the Council with a view to the adoption of the Directive in second reading. The amendments are in line with the objectives of the Commission’s proposal and maintain the balance of interests achieved in the common position.

The amendments to the Common Position mainly refer to the extension of the restriction of the three phthalates DINP, DIDP and DNOP to all toys that can be placed in the mouth by children. In addition, the definition of childcare articles was extended to include the word "hygiene", and the Commission was asked to also review other applications, notably medical devices.

The conclusion of the compromise package has been facilitated by two declarations which the Commission made during the July 2005 Plenary session. (Please see the summary of 05/07/2005.)

Accordingly, the Commission amends its proposal as set out above.