Basic information

2000/0035(COD) COD - Ordinary legislative procedure (ex-codecision procedure) Decision	Procedure completed
Water policy: list of priority substances, protection of the ecosystem and human health COMMPS **Subject** 3.70.04 Water control and management, pollution of waterways, water pollution 4.60.04.04 Food safety	

Key players

European Parliament

Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
ENVI Environment, Public Health, Consumer Policy	BREYER Hiltrud (V/ALE)	23/02/2000

Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
JURI Legal Affairs and Internal Market	DEHOUSSE Jean-Maurice (PSE)	28/03/2000
ITRE Industry, External Trade, Research, Energy	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
AGRI Agriculture and Rural Development	ADAM Gordon J. (PSE)	24/01/2001
PECH Fisheries	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	

Council of the European Union

Council configuration	Meetings	Date
Employment, Social Policy, Health and Consumer Affairs	2373	2001-10-08
Environment	2355	2001-06-07

European Commission

Commission DG	Commissioner
Environment	

Key events

Date	Event	Reference	Summary
07/02/2000	Legislative proposal published	COM(2000)0047	Summary
18/02/2000	Committee referral announced in Parliament, 1st reading		
16/01/2001	Modified legislative proposal published	COM(2001)0017	Summary
25/04/2001	Vote in committee, 1st reading		Summary
25/04/2001	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading	A5-0135/2001	
15/05/2001	Decision by Parliament, 1st reading	T5-0247/2001	Summary
15/05/2001	Debate in Parliament		
06/06/2001	Modified legislative proposal published	COM(2001)0317	Summary
08/10/2001	Act adopted by Council after Parliament's 1st reading		
20/11/2001	Final act signed		
20/11/2001	End of procedure in Parliament		
15/12/2001	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information

Procedure reference	2000/0035(COD)
Procedure type	COD - Ordinary legislative procedure (ex-codecision procedure)
Procedure subtype	Legislation
Legislative instrument	Decision
Legal basis	EC Treaty (after Amsterdam) EC 175-p1
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed

Documentation gateway

European Parliament

Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		A5-0135/2001	25/04/2001	
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		T5-0247/2001 OJ C 034 07.02.2002, p. 0026-0136 E	15/05/2001	Summary

European Commission

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Legislative proposal	COM(2000)0047 OJ C 177 27.06.2000, p. 0074 E	07/02/2000	Summary

Modified legislative proposal	COM(2001)0017 OJ C 154 29.05.2001, p. 0117 E	16/01/2001	Summary
Modified legislative proposal	COM(2001)0317 OJ C 240 28.08.2001, p. 0305 E	06/06/2001	Summary

Other institutions and bodies

Institution/body	Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
EESC	Economic and Social Committee: opinion, report	CES0801/2000 OJ C 268 19.09.2000, p. 0011	12/07/2000	

Additional information

Source	Document	Date
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Final act

Decision 2001/2455
OJ L 331 15.12.2001, p. 0001 Summary

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2000/0035(COD) - 15/05/2001 - Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading

The European Parliament endorsed, with amendment, the report by Mrs Hiltrud BREYER (Greens/EFA, D) on the list of priority substances in the field of water policy which have to be phased out as part of legislation. (Please refer to the previous document).

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2000/0035(COD) - 06/06/2001 - Modified legislative proposal

The Commission amended its proposal for a Decision of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing the list of priority substances in the field of water policy. This was done in order to align the proposal with the finally adopted text of the Directive 2000/60/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing a framework for Community action in the field of water policy, in particular by: - identifying the "priority hazardous substances"; - introducing a "review clause" for certain "priority substances" and - adapting the terminology and the phrasing of the final adopted text. The amendment was requested both by the European Parliament and the Council. It must be emphasised that, apart from the above-mentioned amendments, the Proposal of February 2000 is still fully in line with the requirements set out under te Water Framework Directive. In summary, 32 substances or group of substances are proposed as "priority substances" under the Water Framework Directive, of which 11 substances are proposed as "priority hazardous substances" and 11 substances are proposed as "priority substances under review". The final decision for their identification as "priority hazardous substances" will be proposed and adopted with the revision of the list of priority substances, which is foreseen within four years after the entry into force of the Framework Directive. For the remaining 10 priority substances, there is no evidence that they are "toxic, persistent and liable to bio-accumilate" or giving rise to an "equivalent level of concern" based on the best available knowledge.

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2000/0035(COD) - 07/02/2000 - Legislative proposal

PURPOSE: the adoption of a European Parliament and Council Decision establishing the list of priority - highest risk - substances as a basis for proposals for emission controls and standards in the field of water policy. CONTENT: with the likely adoption in the near future of a framework for Community action in the field of water policy, a scientifically based methodology for identifying priority substances on the basis of their risk to aquatic ecosystems is to be introduced. The methodology enables, as a most practical option, the application of a simplified risk-based assessment procedure based on scientific principles taking particular account of: - evidence regarding the intrinsic hazard of the substance concerned and, in particular, its aquatic ecotoxicity and human toxicity via aquatic exposure routes, - evidence from monitoring of widespread environmental contamination, and - other proven factors which may indicate the possibility of widespread environmental contamination, such as production, ude volume and use pattern of the substance concerned. The Commission has, on this basis, developed a combined monitoring-based and modelling-based priority setting (COMMPS) scheme, in collaboration with experts of interested parties, involving the Scientific Committee for Toxicity, Ecotoxicity and the Environment, Member States, EFTA countries, the European Environment Agency, European business associations, including those representing SMEs and European environmental organisations. A first list of 32 priority substances has been identified on the basis of the COMMPS procedure, followed by a publicly open and transparent discussion with the interested parties. The expeditious adoption of this list is desirable in order to allow for the timely and continuing implementation of Community controls of dangerous substances pursuant to the strategy set out in Article 16 of the forthcoming European Parliament and Council Directive establishing a framework for Community action in the field of water policy. The list of priority substances adopted under this Decision shall replace the list of substances in the 1982 Communication from the Commission to the Council on dangerous substances which might be included in List I of Council Directive 76/464/EEC.

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2000/0035(COD) - 20/11/2001 - Final act

PURPOSE : to adopt the list of priority substances in the field of water policy. COMMUNITY MEASURE : Decision 2455/2001/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing the list of priority substances in the field of water policy and amending Directive 2000/60/EC. CONTENT : Under Directive 2000/60/EC specific measures must be adopted at Community level against pollution of water by individual pollutants or groups of pollutants presenting a significant risk to or via the aquatic environment. Such measures are aimed at progressive reduction, and, for priority hazardous substances, at the cessation or phasing out of discharges, and losses within 20 years after their adoption at Community level, with the ultimate aim of achieving concentrations in the marine environment approaching background values for naturally occurring substances and close to zero for man-made synthetic substances. This Decision establishes, as an Annex to Directive 2000/60/EC, the list of 33 priority substances, including priority hazardous substances. This list has been selected on the basis of the COMMPS procedure (combined monitoring-based and modelling-based priority setting scheme.) This list of priority substances will replace the list of substances in the Commission Communication of 22/06/82. The Decision provides that, in order to ensure consideration of all potential priority substances, the Commission and Member states will see to it that the substance and exposure-related data needed for the implementation of the COMMPS procedure are made available. ENTRY INTO FORCE : 16 December 2001.