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OPINION

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for the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety


Draftsman: Andreas Schwab
The European Commission has tabled a proposal for a regulation on classification, labelling and packaging of substances and mixtures\(^1\), which implements in the EU the international criteria agreed by the United Nations Economic and Social Council for the classification and labelling of hazardous substances and mixtures. This is also known as the Globally Harmonised System (GHS). The objective is to ensure a high level of protection of human health and the environment, while guaranteeing the free movement of substances and mixtures within the internal market.

The proposal for this regulation is accompanied by two other Communications which propose technical changes to downstream legislation. It is necessary to bring this downstream legislation in line with the GHS proposals.

This opinion is related to COM(2007)0611\(^2\), which is proposing amendments to a number of directives, namely:

- Directive 76/768/EEC on the approximation of laws of the Member States relating to cosmetic products
- Directive 88/378/EEC on the approximation of laws of the Member States concerning the safety of toys
- Directive 1999/13/EC on the limitations of volatile organic compounds due to the use of organic solvents in certain activities and installations
- Directive 2002/96/EC on waste electrical and electronic equipment

A separate opinion has been prepared for the COM(2007)0613\(^3\) which proposes amendments to the Regulation (EC) No 648/2004, known as the detergent regulation.

The intent of these proposals is to align the terminology to the GHS, as well as adapt the cross-references between the texts. Hence, no amendments to these two Communications are proposed.

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Conclusions

## Title

## References

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## Members present for the final vote

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