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OPINION

of the Committee on the Internal Market and Consumer Protection

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

on the proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EC) No 648/2004 in order to adapt it to Regulation (EC) No ... on Classification, Labelling and Packaging of Substances and Mixtures, and amending Directive 67/548/EEC and Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 (COM(2007)0613 – C6-0349/2007 – 2007/0213(COD))

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SHORT JUSTIFICATION

The European Commission has tabled a proposal for a regulation on classification, labelling and packaging of substances and mixtures¹ 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)0613² which is proposing amendments to the Regulation (EC) No 648/2004, known as the detergent regulation.

A separate opinion has been prepared for the COM(2007)0611³ which proposes amendments to a number of directives (cosmetics, toys safety, solvent emissions, end of life vehicles and two paints directives).

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.

Conclusions

The Committee on the Internal Market and Consumer Protection calls on the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety, as the committee responsible, to propose approval of the Commission proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EC) No 648/2004 in order to adapt it to Regulation (EC) No ... on Classification, Labelling and Packaging of Substances and Mixtures, and amending Directive 67/548/EEC and Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006.

¹ COM(2007)355 of 27.6.2007

² COM(2007)0613 of 17.10.2007 on a Proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EC) No 648/2004 in order to adapt it to Regulation (EC) No ... on Classification, Labelling and Packaging of Substances and Mixtures, and amending Directive 67/548/EEC and Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006.

³ COM(2007)0611 of 16.10.2007 on a Proposal for a decision of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Council Directives 76/768/EEC, 88/378/EEC, 1999/13/EC and Directives 2000/53/EC, 2002/96/EC and 2004/42/EC in order to adapt them to Regulation (EC) ... on Classification, Labelling and Packaging of Substances and Mixtures, and amending Directive 67/548/EEC and Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006.

PROCEDURE

Title	Classification, labelling and packaging of substances and mixtures (amendment of Regulation (EC) No 648/2004)						
References	COM(2007)0613 – C6-0349/2007 – 2007/0213(COD)						
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