## COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

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## Amended proposal for a COUNCIL DIRECTIVE

concerning the placing of EEC-accepted plant protection products on the market

(presented by the Commission pursuant to Article 149(3) of the EEC Treaty)

## COMPETITIVENESS AND EMPLOYMENT IMPACT STATEMENT

I What is the main reason for introducing the measure?

Harmonisation of national regulations concerning the acceptance and marketing of plant protection products.

- II Features of the businesses in question. In particular:
  - a) Are there many SMEs?

Limited number of producers; large number of users in agriculture, horticulture and forestry.

- b) Are they concentrated in regions which are:
  - i) eligible for regional aid in the Member States?
    Not particularly.
  - ii) eligible under the ERDF?

Not particularly.

· III What direct obligations does this measure impose on businesses?

The directive, transposed in national regulations, will principally result in following obligations being harmonised at EEC level:

- inscription of active substances in annex I; acceptance of preparations before their first marketing;
- respect of rules in relation to labelling, packaging and appropriate use of plant protection products.
- IV What indirect obligations are local authorities likely to impose on businesses?

None.

- V Are there any special measures in respect of SMEs? Please specify?

  None
- VI What is the likely effect on:
  - a) the competitiveness of businesses?

All enterprises in the EEC will have to respect harmonised rules concerning acceptance and marketing of plant protection products.

b) employment?

No particular influence.

VII Have both sides of industry been consulted? Please indicate their opinions.

Non-official consultation of the organisation of the industry concerned.