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Ammedments to the Proposal for a Council Directive
on the approximation of Member States' laws, regulations and admin-
istrative provisions on the protection of the health of workers
occupationally exposed to vinyl chloride monomer

(presented by the Commission to the Council pursuant
to the second paragraph of article 149 of the EEC Treaty)

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Preamble : unchanged

Recital : unchanged

Article 1 : unchanged

Article 2 : unchanged

Article 3 :

3.1. Unchanged

3.2. For new VCM/PVC works, a maximum atmospheric concentration of 3 ppm, which may not be exceeded, shall be laid down as the technical long-term limit value for VCM.

3.3. Existing VCM/PVC works shall be allowed an adjustment periods of up to one year in order to achieve compliance with the value of 3 ppm.

3.4. In taking the measures necessary to ensure compliance with the limit value laid down in 3.2. and 3.3., recourse shall be had to the best possible technical means in order to avoid any significant increase in the concentration of VCM in the atmosphere outside works to which this Directive applies.

Article 4 : unchanged

Article 5 : unchanged

Article 6 :

6.1. Unchanged

6.2. Unchanged

6.3. The alarm threshold shall not, however, be greater than 15 ppm. As soon as this value is exceeded, technical and personal protective measures shall be taken without delay.

Article 7 : unchanged

Article 8 : unchanged

9.1. A register shall be kept of workers employed on operations described in Article 1.1., with particulars of the type and duration of works, and the resulting exposure. A copy of this register shall be given to the industrial medical officer responsible for surveillance, and to the public authority responsible for health protection at work, unless the register is kept by them.

9.2. The aforementioned register shall be open to inspection by workers and their representatives.

Article 10 : unchanged
 Article 11 : unchanged
 Article 12 : unchanged
 Article 13 :

13.1. Member States shall bring into force the laws, regulations and administrative provisions needed in order to comply with this Directive within 12 months of its notification and shall forthwith inform the Commission thereof.

13.2. Unchanged.

Article 14 : unchanged

ANNEX I:

Annex I is modified in accordance with Article 3, paragraph 2 .

This table becomes :

Reference period	Existing and new plants Limit value in ppm (rounded off)	Short-term value Technical long-term limit value -coefficient -
1 year	3	1
1 month	5	1,7
1 week	6	1,95
8 hours	7	2,3
1 hour	8	2,55

ANNEX II : unchanged

Annexes : First written procedure (Document No 2991/76 of 20 August 1976)
and text of the Directive published in OJ No C 291 of 10 December 1976.
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