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Foreword

The aim of this catalogue, which was compiled by the Directorate-General for Research and Documentation of the European Parliament on the basis of information supplied by the Directorate-General for Sessional and General Services, is to provide an overview of the resolutions adopted in the field of environmental protection, public health and consumer protection during the first electoral period of the directly-elected European Parliament (1979 - 1984).

It shows the resolutions for which the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Consumer Protection was the committee responsible and which were drawn up as part of the consultation process provided for in the treaties (opinions) and the resolutions presented as parliamentary initiatives which received the support of the House.

Where possible, the action taken by the Commission or Council in response to these resolutions has also been indicated. On technical grounds the catalogue, for compiling which Mr KRAUS was responsible, is only appearing in German, French and English.

The following recent publications of the Directorate-General for Research and Documentation provide further details:

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"Principal developments of the European Community from June 1983 to June 1984" (PE 90 700),

"Factsheets on the European Parliament and the activities of the European Community" (PE 83 000).

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Part 1 : Environmental Protection

1.-----Environmental protection, general

1.1-----Action programme

EP: Doc. No.: 581IP0276

 Title: Resolution on the state of the Community environment

 Pub. Ref.: Official Journal No. C 327, 14.12.81, P. 0083

 Rapporteur: Alber

 Abstract: The EP proposed that there should be an overall concept of environmental protection incorporating, in particular, a preventive policy. It hoped that the Commission would include a statement of cost and profits in all its future proposals in the environmental field and recommended that an assessment of what had already been achieved in the environment sector should be made, including national environmental protection measures.

 The EP also listed a number of priorities for the Commission's third action programme and gave a detailed survey of medium and long-term measures that should form part of a future environmental strategy. It also recommended that a fund for any environmental measures - or equivalent facilities - should be set up and adequate appropriations made available.

The COM said that it had decided on its third action programme to avoid having a period not covered by any programme. It had forwarded to the committee a document on the progress made and the implementation of environmental programmes and proposals in the Council.

EP: Doc. No.: 582AP0219

 Title: Resolution embodying the opinion of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council on an action programme of the European Communities on the environment (1982 to 1986)

 Pub. Ref.: Official Journal No. C 182, 19.7.82, P. 0102

 Rapporteur: Alber

 Abstract: Parliament's amendments included the insertion of a new paragraph in which the Council undertook to make available to the Commission the personnel and material resources necessary, in particular through the environment fund called for in the EP's resolution of 20.11.81.

The economic crisis should not be used as an excuse for weakening environmental policy; a coordinated policy for the North Sea and the River Meuse should be pursued; regulations should be implemented to reduce pollution of fresh water, including thermal pollution. References were inserted at several points to the principle of restoring the quality of the environment.

Products from non-member countries manufactured more cheaply because of low environmental standards should be subject to extra duties. A directive on trans-frontier pollution should be drawn up, and provisions on endangered species of flora and fauna be introduced. In the resolution the COM is requested to make its draft programme more specific and supplement it with proposals for practical measures and to publish 'green papers'. The Council was called upon to adopt the Commission proposals for the implementation of the first and second action programmes, which in some cases had been before it for years, to explain to Parliament why it would not be adopting specific proposals to publish entries of Member States, the Commission or the Council in the Council's minutes having a bearing on adopted community texts.

The COM (Narjes) was willing to accept a number of the amendments proposed. It felt that it was not clear what use a directive on transfrontier pollution would be; how could such an abstract regulation be applied in specific cases? The COM had noted the proposal on levies on imports from third countries with low environmental standards. Such a measure would be an obstacle to trade and could be seen as protectionism by the Community. As regards 'green papers', the COM feels that these might be useful in some cases but that they should not serve as a pretext for taking no action.

COUNCIL Resolution of 7 February 1983 (OJ No. C 46)

1.2-----Community action on the environment (environmental fund)

EP: Doc. No.: 583AP0101

Title: Resolution closing the procedure for consultation of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a regulation on action by the Community relating to the environment (ACE)

Pub. Ref.: Official Journal No. C 128, 16.5.83, P. 0088

Rapporteur: Johnson

Abstract: The EP added a new Art. 5a requiring the COM to consider the applications it received and, after consulting the committee referred to in Art. 15, to decide to grant financial support in accordance with

the importance of the project concerned.

The EP called on the COM to come forward in due course with proposals to expand the scope of the regulation, so that the environment fund could develop into an effective instrument of Community environment policy; to allocate to the environment sector the staff earmarked for that purpose. The Council was called on: to approve the sums requested by the COM and to review these amounts in the light of experience; to adopt the regulation not later than June 1983.

The COM (Narjes) said that it would be doing its utmost over the next few weeks to overcome the resistance in the Council from certain governments.

The COM accepted Mr GHERGO's amendment to add an Article 5(a) and forwarded the amended proposal to the Council on 25 May 1983.

This proposal is under consideration in the Council; the Council has asked (16.12.83) the Committee of Permanent Representatives to continue its work on outstanding problems, namely the precise definition of the field of application of the regulation and ways of administering the measures.

COUNCIL Resolution No. 1872/84, 28 June 1984 (OJ No. L 176)

1.3 Research and development programme (environment, climatology)

EP: Doc. No.: 580AP0660

Title: Resolution embodying the opinion of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a decision adopting a sectoral research and development programme in the field of environment (environmental protection and climatology) (indirect and concerted actions) 1981-1985

Pub. Ref.: Official Journal No. C 028, 9.2.81, P. 0060

Rapporteur: Alber

Abstract: The EP approved the research and development programme and proposed one amendment to the text of the proposal for a decision providing for a review of the programme after two years, on which the EP and the advisory programme committee would be consulted.

The COM rejected Parliament's proposed amendment saying that a review after one year, when only the statistics and results from the first year were available, would be too soon.

COUNCIL Decision No. 81/213/EEC of 3 March 1981 (OJ No. L 101 as amended in OJ No. L 117) adopts the Commission proposal but specifies the cost of the programme which the Commission had not proposed.

EP: Doc. No.: 583AP1400

Title: Decision revising the sectoral research and development programme in the field of the environment

Pub. Ref.: Official Journal No. L 071, 14.3.84, P. 0013

Rapporteur: Ceravolo

Abstract: The EP approved the Commission proposal but expressed the opinion that too little attention had been paid to the consequences of air pollution on our architectural and artistic heritage and hoped that greater weight would be given to this important problem both in the current research programme and in the preparation of future ones.

COUNCIL Directive No. 84/139/EEC of 1 March 1984 (OJ No. L 71)

1.4 ----- Environmental tolerance test

EP: Doc. No.: 581AP0569

Title: Resolution embodying the opinion of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a directive concerning the assessment of the environmental effects of certain private and public projects

Pub. Ref.: Official Journal No. C 066, 15.3.82, P. 0087

Rapporteur: Weber

Abstract: Parliament approved the Commission proposals but asked for a number of amendments to be adopted which covered among other things: including plans and programmes in the field of application of the directive, extending the definitions, deleting the requirement for Commission consent for decision by the authority in the exceptional cases specified in Article 4, providing for a report by the Commission to Parliament on the criteria and threshold values adopted by the Member States, and requiring a description of viable alternatives to a project. Other amendments related to the provisions for obtaining expert advice, consultation of the members of the public concerned or their bona fide representatives, special procedures for projects affecting other Member States, a report by Member States on involving the public which is to be incorporated in the Commission report in accordance with Article 12, publication of the assessment of alternatives including the alternative of not proceeding with the project and deletion of the provision for subsequent scrutiny (Article 11).

The classification and breakdown of the annexes is to be reviewed after a trial period. Annex 1 should include coal collection points, temporary and permanent storage of radioactive waste and factories for transformed and reprocessed rubber products; Annex 2 should include the storage of solid fossil fuels, textile dye-works and the manufacture of non-metallic product-cement works; in Annex 3, the assessment should also cover the cumulative effect of other measures already affecting the environment in a given area.

Parliament also called on the Commission to make progress with its planned ecological mapping and submit a proposal on environmental impact assessment for public plans and programmes.

It expects Parliament to be consulted on any major amendment to the proposal.

The COM was against the amendments to include plans and programmes in the field of application of the directive and against the incorporation of the manufacture of non-metallic product-cement works in Annex 2. As regards the deletion of Article 11, the COM stressed that subsequent assessment was an important part of its proposal, but it would review the wording to ensure that there was no legal loop-hole relating to unlimited approvals.

The COM was also opposed to the extension of definitions, the proposed amendment on the question of expert opinion and the amendment relating to a report on consultation of the public as this would involve a considerable burden on the national administrations which was not absolutely essential.

With regard to including the temporary and permanent storage for radioactive waste in Annex 1, the COM expressed the view that Annex 1 should list only the categories of projects which would always, in any circumstances, justify the carrying out of an environmental impact assessment while Annex 2 should facilitate examination of the procedures used. In those cases where the COM accepted the substance of the EP's amendments it reserved the right to formulate the final version.

The COM also said that it would be willing to consider a proposal for public plans and programmes at a suitable time and in the light of the experience gained with the existing proposals.

The proposal has been submitted to the COUNCIL.

On 31.3.1982 the COM submitted an amended proposal (COM (82) 158) which incorporated a number of Parliament's amendments. It did not include the proposals relating to the inclusion of plans in the field of application of the directive, expanding the proposed definitions, the possibility of seeking advice from experts, cancellation of subsequent reviews (Article 11) and the amendments relating to Article 12 which were designed to include public participation in the COM report.

1.5 Information system on the state of the environment and of
----- natural resources in the Community (1984-1987) -----

EP: Doc. No.: 584AP0215

Title: Decision on the adoption of a work programme for the first phase of the implementation of an information system on the state of the environment and the¹ natural resources in the Community (1984-1987)

Pub. Ref.: Official Journal No. C 172, 2.7.84, P 0168

Rapporteur: Collins

Abstract: The EP agreed in principle with the Commission's proposal, but reserved the right, in view of the importance of the content of the work programme and its long-term implications, to re-examine the matter in an in-depth report at a later date, and to approve afresh for each year the appropriations requested in the annual budget debates.

1.6 European Foundation for the Improvement of Living and Working
----- Conditions -----

EP: Doc. No. 583IP0760

Title: The European Foundation for the Improvement of Living and Working Conditions

Pub. Ref.: Official Journal No. C 010, 16.1.84, P 0295

Rapporteur: Eisma

Abstract: The EP noted that the Foundation was not operating in conformity with the guidelines set out in the regulations establishing it. It proposed that the Administrative Board be reconstituted to consist of 23 members and one observer from each of the EP's Committees on the Environment, Social Affairs and Energy. It recommended that the Foundation's appropriations be divided into separate allocations concerned with living conditions and working conditions and that none of these monies should be used for projects which were not in the respective headings. It requested the COM to report on the possibilities of transferring all activities relating to working conditions to CEDEFOP; to submit short-term proposals taking account of the wishes of the EP and to draw up a proposal clearly defining the tasks and the consequent new structures of the Dublin Foundation and the Berlin centre.

¹ This being an interim report, the EP decided not to vote on the Commission's proposal; the resolution therefore embodies Parliament's provisional opinion.

The COM (Burke) explained that the Board of the Foundation had decided, on the proposal of the COM, that 40% of the research budget would be spent on living conditions and 60% on working conditions in 1984. This gradual shift in emphasis towards living conditions could probably be maintained without necessarily insisting on a rigid demarcation between living and working conditions. It was unable to agree to the majority of points in the motion but would work through its representatives on the Administrative Board to introduce a procedure whereby all the relevant EP committees could make their views known at the drafting stage of the work programme.

2.-----Water pollution

2.1-----Measures to combat environmental pollution by dangerous substances

2.1.1-----Aldrin, dieldrin, endrin

EP: Doc. No.: 580AP0054

Title: Resolution embodying the opinion of the European Parliament on the proposals from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for

- I. a directive on the limit values for discharges of aldrin, dieldrin and endrin into the aquatic environment and
- II. a directive on the quality objectives required for the aquatic environment into which aldrin, dieldrin and endrin are discharged

Pub. Ref.: Official Journal No. C 175, 14.7.80, P 0021

Rapporteur: Mertens

Abstract: The EP called on the Commission to coordinate the monitoring procedures (limit values/quality objectives), and proposed an amendment bringing forward the date of entry into force.

The COM (Natali) agreed to the date for the entry into force and undertook to implement the objectives on which this amendment was based in relation to the control procedure; at the next meeting the Commission announced that an amended proposal would be forwarded in September 1980.

2.1.2-----Mercury

EP: Doc No.: 580AP0055

Title: Resolution embodying the opinion of the European Parliament on the proposals from the Commission of the European Communities to the council for

- I. a directive on the limit values applicable to discharges of mercury into the aquatic

- environment by the chlor-alkali electrolysis industry,
- II. a directive on the quality objectives for the aquatic environment into which mercury is discharged by the chlor-alkali electrolysis industry

Pub. Ref.: Official Journal No. C 175, 14.7.80, P 0024

Rapporteur: Fuillet

Abstract: The EP called for proposals to regulate other polluting industries; it asked that the two monitoring procedures be coordinated and proposed tighter rules for brine plants; finally, it considered national programmes for indirect discharges to be unnecessary and proposed amendments to that effect.

The COM (Natali) said that it was willing to submit a proposal for further branches of industry discharging mercury; it did not accept the amendment under which the stricter provisions for plant producing salt solutions were to be brought forward from 1989 to 1986 but it would consider Parliament's suggestion that the two proposals should be combined.

COUNCIL Directive No. 82/176/EEC, 22 March 1982 (OJ No. L 81)

EP: Doc. No.: 583AP1142

Title: Council directive on limit values and quality objectives for mercury discharges by sectors other than the chlor-alkali industry

Pub. Ref.: Official Journal No. C 10, 16.1.84, P 0300

Rapporteur: Lentz-Cornette

Abstract: The EP adopted four amendments: it was to be stated in the recitals that quality objectives could only be set by way of exception, and that the COM was required to report on such instances and to review them at least every four years; the COM was to report every four years on the implementation of the directive and was to submit proposals to increase the limit values' stringency in the event of a change in scientific knowledge or an improvement in the best technical means available.

The COM (Pisani) did not accept the first two amendments as they were incompatible with the terms of the directive of 4.5.76. It did however accept the last two amendments.

COUNCIL Directive No. 84/156/EEC, 8 March 1984, (OJ No. L 74).

2.1.3 Cadmium

EP: Doc No.: 582AP0821

Title: Resolution closing the procedure for consultation of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a directive concerning the limit values for discharges of cadmium into the aquatic environment and quality objectives for cadmium in the aquatic environment and on the motion for a resolution on the export to Sweden of products containing cadmium

Pub. Ref.: Official Journal No. C 334, 20.12.82, P 0143

Rapporteur: Weber

Abstract: The EP approved the proposal with a number of amendments: plant manufacturing phosphate fertilizers were to be exempted and limit values and quality objectives reinforced in the light of technical progress and the experience gained; other amendments were designed to bring this directive into line with the directive on mercury.

The EP called for an integrated protection system covering all forms of discharge and all heavy metals, together with an additional ecological monitoring system (bioindicators). It called on the COM: to compile a manual covering measuring methods; to present, in the near future, a proposal dealing with pollution from the phosphate rock processing industry; to add a reference to DIN standards or to define precisely the analytical methods specified; to carry out investigations at Community level into illness caused by cadmium; to comply with the request contained in the resolution, particularly in view of the protectionist measures taken in this area by Sweden.

The COM (Kontogeorgis) described the comments by Parliament as constructive and said that it would amend its proposals. The Council would presumably consider the proposal on 3 December and Mr Narjes would present Parliament's wishes orally as the Commission could scarcely produce an amended proposal by this date. The Commission took the view that certain amendments to Annex II and III would reduce the effectiveness of the directive and its transparency.

The COM submitted an amended proposal (COM (82) 801) on 6.12.82 in which most of the amendments put forward by Parliament were included. On 16.6.83 the Council accepted this proposal.

COUNCIL Directive No. 83/513/EEC, 26 September 1983 (OJ No. L291)

2.1.4 Hexachlorocyclohexane

EP: Doc. No.: 584AP0100

Title: Directive on the discharge of hexachlorocyclohexane

Pub. Ref.: Official Journal No. C 127, 14.5.84, P 0138

Rapporteur: Bombard

Abstract: The EP approved the proposal which augments the proposals for a directive on the discharge of cadmium, mercury, aldrin, dieldrin and endrin and notes with satisfaction that in drawing up this proposal the Commission has taken account of amendments made by Parliament when it adopted the report on discharge of cadmium (Minutes 13.4.84, P 41).

The Council adopted the draft directive at its meeting of 28/29 June 1984.

2.2 Specific measures for certain industries

2.2.1 Titanium dioxide

EP: Doc. No.: 581AP1072

Title: Resolution embodying the opinion of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a directive on methods for the surveillance and monitoring of the environments affected by wastes from the titanium dioxide industry.

Pub. Ref.: Official Journal No. C 149, 14.6.82, P 0101

Rapporteur: Vanneck

Abstract: The EP approved the proposal with minor amendments aimed at tightening up the provisions on sampling and analysis: any proposals necessary to improve the system would have to be submitted not later than 3 years after notification of the directive. In its resolution, Parliament called for sampling and the obligation to submit reports to be limited to the essential minimum; the scope for altering production methods, reducing the quantity of waste and recycling a proportion of it should be determined through a coordinated programme.

The COM (Burke) accepted the amendments to Articles 5 and 7, but not to Article 4 (samples must be taken throughout the year) and Article 8 (proposals are to be submitted within 3 years). If samples are only taken once a year the provisions cannot be implemented and in other cases a larger number of samples would be needed which in turn would lead to higher costs. As the directive was only to be applied 2 years after it had been

published, there would only be 1 year to develop proposals which was too short a period of time. The COM noted the wish expressed for a coordinated research programme. The COM forwarded an amended proposal to the Council on 23.6.82.

COUNCIL Directive No. 82/883/EEC, 3.12.82 (OJ No. L 378/1, 31.12.82) consists of the Commission proposal with certain amendments.

EP: Doc. No.: 582AP0557

Title: Resolution embodying the opinion of the European Parliament, in accordance with the procedure without report, on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a directive amending Directive No. 78/176/EEC of 20 February 1978 on waste from the titanium dioxide industry

Pub. Ref.: Official Journal No. C 292, 8.11.82, P 0101

Rapporteur: Collins

COUNCIL Directive No. 83/29/EEC, 24.1.83 (OJ No. L 32/28, 3.2.83) adopts the Commission proposal without the amendment to paragraph 4.

On 18.4.83 the Commission submitted a proposal for a directive (COM (83) 189) to apply the basic directive.

EP: Doc. No.: 584AP0114

Title: Directive on procedures for harmonizing the programmes for the reduction and eventual elimination of pollution caused by waste from the titanium dioxide industry

Pub. Ref.: Official Journal No. C 127, 14.5.84, P 0034

Rapporteur: Ghergo

Abstract: The EP took the view that waste from the titanium dioxide industry in Community sources of water posed a tremendous threat even in very weak concentrations and urged, in view of the dying forests in Europe, that purification procedures be introduced in the manufacture of titanium dioxide using the most recent technological developments to reduce sulphur oxide emissions into the atmosphere. Moreover Parliament called on the Commission, within a year of adopting this directive, to formulate provisions for the construction of new plant to produce titanium dioxide specifying maximum permitted levels for the emission of harmful particles corresponding at least to the figures contained in the directive itself.

The COM (Narjes) points out that this is the second directive to implement Directive No. 78/176/EEC of 20 February 1978 on waste from the titanium dioxide industry. The Commission accepts amendments 1,2 and 5-9 (which were all adopted) but could not accept amendments 3 and 4 (which fell by the adoption of amendment 11) as the deadlines set for reducing pollution were too ambitious for some Member States. The Member States were however free to specify earlier deadlines on a national basis.

2.3-----Definition of quality objectives

2.3.1-----Quality of drinking water

EP: Doc. No.: 581AP0040

Title: Resolution embodying the opinion of the European Parliament, in accordance with the procedure without report, on the proposal for a directive adapting Directive No. 79/869/EEC concerning the methods of measurement and frequencies of sampling and analysis of surface water intended for the abstraction of drinking water in member states

Pub. Ref.: Official Journal No. C 144, 15.6.81, P 0036

Rapporteur: -

COUNCIL Directive No. 81/855/EEC, 19 October 1981 (OJ No. L 319)

2.3.2-----Qualifty of surface fresh water

EP: Doc. No.: 581AP0041

Title: Resolution embodying the opinion of the European Parliament, in accordance with the procedure without report, on the proposal for a decision adapting Decision 77/795/EEC establishing a common procedure for the exchange of information on the quality of surface fresh water in the Community, following the accession of Greece to the European Communities

Pub. Ref.: Official Journal No. C 144, 15.6.81, P 0036

Rapporteur: -

COUNCIL Directive No. 81/856/EEC, 19 October 1981 (OJ No. L 319)

2.3.3-----Quality of water for human consumption

EP: Doc. No.: 581AP0044

Title: Resolution embodying the opinion of the European Parliament, in accordance with the procedure without report, on the proposal for a directive adapting Directive No.80/778/EEC relating to the quality of

water intended for human consumption

Pub. Ref.: Official Journal No. C 144, 15.6.81, P 0037

Rapporteur: -

COUNCIL Directive No. 81/858/EEC, 19 October 1981 (OJ No. L 319)

2.3.4 Quality of bathing water

EP: Doc. No.: 584IP0194

Title: Bathing water

Pub. Ref.: Official Journal No. C 172, 2.7.84, P 0158

Rapporteur: Squarcialupi

Abstract: The EP called on the Member States of the European Community to adopt within a ten year time limit, which expired at the end of 1985, all measures necessary to ensure that bathing water reached the standards laid down in the Council directive of 8 December 1975. In addition, it urged that tourists be provided with better information in the event of sea or lake pollution and that bathing be prohibited, if necessary. (Minutes 24.5.84, P 96)

2.4 Control of environmental pollution through the disposal of hydrocarbons

2.4.1 Information system for preventing and combating oil pollution of the sea

EP: Doc. No.: 580AP0709

Title: Resolution embodying the opinion of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a decision establishing a Community information system for preventing and combating hydrocarbon pollution of the sea

Pub. Ref.: Official Journal No. C 028, 9.2.81, P 0055

Rapporteur: Maij-Weggen

Abstract: The EP welcomed and approved the proposal for a decision establishing a Community information system, while pointing out that the effectiveness and credibility of the proposed system depended on participation in, and ratification of, the various international and regional conventions referred to in the proposal and urging that the scope of the system be extended to include non-member countries and the offshore industry.

It called on the Commission to initiate appropriate discussions, report back to the EP on the latter point, and formulate additional proposals as soon as possible with a view to the further implementation of the 1978 Community action programme in this field.

The COM agreed that non-member countries should participate, on the basis of separate protocols, in the implementation of the systems; it would also be possible for them to take part in the work of the Advisory Committee, if appropriate changes were made in its statutes. With regard to the question of incorporating the offshore industry into the system, the Commission had already established initial contacts with representatives of the industry. The Commission pointed out that other specific proposals for implementing the June 1978 action programme were in preparation.

On 11 June the Council approved in principle the decision establishing the Community information system for preventing and combating hydrocarbon pollution of the sea. By Decision (80/420/EEC) of 19.5.81 (OJ No. L 162) the Council approved the Protocol to the Barcelona Convention for the Protection of the Mediterranean Sea against Pollution, concerning cooperation in combating pollution, which also provides for the exchange of information. The Council also authorised the Commission to negotiate the Community's accession to the Bonn Agreement on Cooperation in dealing with Pollution of the North Sea by Oil.

COUNCIL Decision No. 81/971/EEC, 3 December 1981, (OJ No. L 355)

EP: Doc. No.: 583AP1473

 Title: Decision concerning the conclusion of the Agreement
 for cooperation in dealing with pollution of the North
 Sea by oil and other harmful substances

 Pub. Ref.: Official Journal No. L 188, 16.7.84, P 0007

 Rapporteur: -

 Abstract: -

COUNCIL Decision No. 84/358/EEC, 28 June 1984, (OJ No. L 188)

2.4.2 Prevention of accidents

EP: Doc. No.: 580IP0473

 Title: Resolution on the prevention of disasters during the
 extraction of oil and gas in north-west European waters

Pub. Ref.: Official Journal No. C 028, 9.2.81, P 0056

Rapporteur: Maij-Weggen

Abstract: The EP called on the Commission to submit a detailed report to it within the next year containing information, in particular, on safety precautions on offshore installations and the arrangements for combating large-scale marine and coastal pollution by oil; it also asked the Commission to investigate the feasibility of a special international coordinating body in the North Sea and the extent to which the Community could help coordinate action by the Member States and any other countries involved in the event of large-scale oil pollution in the North Sea.

The COM will make efforts to obtain all the information requested from the major international organizations and make this available to the European Parliament as soon as possible.

COUNCIL Decision No. 81/971/EEC, 3 December 1981, (OJ No. L 355)

EP: Doc. No.: 580IP0467

Title: Resolution on combating the effects of disasters where oil is released into the sea and reaches the shore

Pub. Ref.: Official Journal No. C 028, 9.2.81, P 0059

Rapporteur: Spaak

Abstract: The EP reiterated its view that only coordinated action at Community level and the effective application of international conventions can safeguard the marine and coastal environment and called on the Commission to submit as soon as possible proposals for directives relating in particular to mechanical methods of pollution control.

The COM pointed out that it had carried out a study on Community participation in the development of suction recovery vessels. The practical problems were to be further discussed in the Advisory Committee. The Commission is also carrying out a study on the certification of chemical products and the scope for standardising mechanical oil control equipment. As soon as the results of this study are available the Commission will draw up proposals to improve equipment.

EP: Doc. No.: 584AP0193

Title: Directive on the drawing-up of contingency plans to combat accidental oil spills at sea

Pub. Ref.: Official Journal No. C 172, 2.7.84, P 0097

Rapporteur: Eisma

Abstract: The EP pointed out that the Commission's proposal could be regarded as a supplement to the Bonn Agreement and the Helsinki and Barcelona Conventions; there were gaps in the coverage of these Conventions, eg with respect to certain areas, such as the Bay of Biscay and the Irish Sea, and also with respect to sanctions.

Parliament took the view that the plans in this proposal should relate both to oil and to other harmful substances; the proposal should not duplicate the Conventions referred to above or the MARPOL Convention², nor impede their implementation. It called on the Council and the Commission once again to urge those Member States that had not already done so to ratify the MARPOL Convention and to do their utmost to ensure that the Community became a contracting party.

The EP also regretted that the Council had not yet taken a decision on the Commission proposal³ submitted to it on 2 July 1980, and called on the Council to do so as soon as possible. Parliament adopted the 4 amendments tabled by the Committee on the Environment to the draft directive. (Minutes 23.5.84, P 47 (directive) and 51a (resolution)).

The COM (Narjes) said that they would accept the amendments tabled by the Committee on the Environment. The extension of the field of application of the draft directive to other substances would be fully in accordance with the Commission's new policy guidelines. (The COM has amended its original proposal (COM (84) 433)).

2.5 International agreements

2.5.1 Rhine

EP: Doc. No.: 5791P0592

Title: Resolution on pollution of the Rhine

Pub. Ref.: Official Journal No. C 004, 7.1.80, P 0072

¹ Agreement for cooperation in dealing with pollution of the North Sea by oil, Bonn 1969, extended to other dangerous substances in 1983; Convention on the protection of the Marine Environment of the Baltic Sea Area, Helsinki, 1974; Convention for the protection of the Mediterranean sea against pollution from land-based sources, Barcelona, 1976.

² Convention for the Prevention of Pollution by Ships, London, 1973 (MARPOL).

³ Proposal for a directive concerning the enforcement of international standards for shipping safety and pollution prevention (OJ No. C 192, 30.7.80, P 8).

Rapporteur: Muntingh

Abstract: The EP expressed concern at the pollution of the Rhine, protested against the French Government's failure to act on the Bonn Convention on Pollution by Chlorides, and instructed the Commission to submit to it within 6 months proposals taking account of the various options.

In October 1983 the French Parliament ratified the Bonn Agreement of 1976.

For the follow-up, see above.

EP: Doc. No.: 579IP0597

Title: Resolution on pollution of the Rhine

Pub. Ref.: Official Journal No. C 004, 7.1.80, P 0074

Rapporteur: Maij-Weggen

Abstract: The EP appealed to the French Parliament to express its willingness to ratify the Bonn Convention, and requested the Commission to propose new measures to fight pollution of the Rhine, in the context of Community Environment policy.

For the follow-up, see above.

EP: Doc. No.: 579IP0601

Title: Resolution on pollution of the Rhine

Pub. Ref.: Official Journal No. C 004, 7.1.80, P 0075

Rapporteur: Berkhouwer

Abstract: The EP appealed to the Council to take the appropriate decisions to see that the Bonn Convention was put into effect as soon as possible in all the Riparian States, and to take steps to introduce Community legislation protecting EEC waterways against pollution.

For the follow-up, see above.

EP: Doc. No.: 580AP0309

Title: Resolution embodying the opinion of the European Parliament, in accordance with the procedure without report, on the proposal from the Commission to the Council for a decision supplementing Annex IV to the Convention on the Protection of the Rhine against Chemical Pollution.

Pub. Ref.: Official Journal No. C 291, 10.11.80, P 0057

EP: Doc. No.: 581IP0686

Title: Resolution on the pollution of the Rhine by discharges of salt

Pub. Ref.: Official Journal No. C 327, 14.12.81, P 0080

Rapporteur: Johnson

Abstract: The EP urged the French Government to ratify the 'Salt Treaty' of 1976. It recommended that the Treaty should be revised where necessary to take account of the need for a further reduction in the pollution of the Rhine by salt and to introduce technical alternatives not provided for in the original text. It considered that the Community should become a party to the 'Salt Treaty' and should make an appropriate contribution to achieving a long-term solution to the Rhine salt problem. The Commission was called upon to submit the results of its investigation into the possible existence of a salt cartel.

The COM welcomed the results of the Paris Conference as a first step towards reducing pollution of the Rhine by discharges of salt. It was in favour of the proposal that the Community should accede to the 'Salt Treaty' but pointed out that there might not be agreement to this on the part of all the States bordering on the Rhine and that such a proposal would require the unanimous consent of the Council. It was effectively impossible for a financial contribution to be made by the Community from the 1982 budget. The Commission would continue to take an active part in the negotiations on reducing discharges of salt.

On 17.11.81 the COM took part in a ministerial conference under the Convention on the Protection of the Rhine against Chemical Pollution. It was decided to reduce discharges of chloride into the Rhine as quickly as possible by 20 kg/sec. chloride ions.

On 9.3.82 the International Commission for the Protection of the Rhine considered the problem of chloride discharges. In particular it noted the intention of the French authorities to appoint 5 experts to study the subterranean injections of chloride in Alsace.

2.5.2 _____ Mediterranean

EP: Doc. No.: 582AP0665

Title: Resolution closing the procedure for consultation of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a decision concluding the Protocol to the Barcelona Convention of 1976 for the protection of the Mediterranean sea against pollution from land-based sources

Pub. Ref.: Official Journal No. C 334, 20.12.82, P 0136

Rapporteur: Bombard

Abstract: The EP approved the proposal of the Commission.

Council Decision No. 33/101/EEC, 28.2.83 (OJ No. L 67/1 of 12.3.83) adopts the Commission's proposal.

EP: Doc. No.: 582AP0762

Title: Resolution embodying the opinion of the European Parliament, in accordance with the procedure without report, on the proposal for a recommendation for a Council decision concluding the Protocol to the Barcelona Convention of 1976 concerning the Mediterranean specially protected areas

Pub. Ref.: Official Journal No. C 334, 20.12.82, P 0121

Rapporteur: -

The Council enacted the proposed decision on 28.3.83 and on 30.3.83 signed the Protocol in Madrid on behalf of the Community.

EP: Doc. No.: 583AP0889

Title: Resolution embodying the opinion of the European Parliament, in accordance with the procedure without report, on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a decision concluding the Protocol concerning specially protected areas of the Mediterranean sea

Pub. Ref.: Official Journal No. C 322, 28.11.83, P 0278

Rapporteur: -

COUNCIL Decision No. 84/132/EEC, 1 March 1984 (OJ No. L 68)

2.5.3 North Sea

EP: Doc. No.: 582IP1367

Title: Resolution on emergency action on oil pollution in the North Sea

Pub. Ref.: Official Journal No. C 096, 11.4.83, P 0066

Rapporteur: Seibel-Emmerling

Abstract: The EP called on the COM immediately to call a conference of the North Sea coastal states to decide on measures to combat this form of pollution; to

draw up proposals for the setting up of an independent environmental control system; to ensure that any such control body could take immediate and effective action.

The COM (Narjes) said that it intended before 1.7.83 to submit a proposal for a directive requiring the Member States to take coordinated measures to supervise more closely the North Sea and prevent oil pollution. The Commission needs more staff to strengthen its activities in the environmental sector. The Council of Environmental Ministers meeting in June would presumably consider the question of the North Sea.

At the Conference of the Contracting Parties to the Convention of 9.6.69 on cooperation in combating oil pollution in the North Sea which took place from 26 to 29.4.83 in The Hague and at which the Commission was represented, a draft Convention was adopted. This Convention encourages mutual aid and cooperation in combating pollution and adapts the geographical limits to those of the Helsinki Agreement.

EP: Doc. No.: 582IP1381
Title: Resolution on the increasingly serious problem of oil pollution of the North Sea
Pub. Ref.: Official Journal No. C 096, 11.4.83, P 0066
Rapporteur: Schleicher
Abstract: The EP requested the COM to arrange jointly with Parliament a hearing on Helgoland with all the institutions and parties concerned by this problem; to introduce, in conjunction with the countries concerned, immediate measures to prevent and combat pollution.

EP: Doc. No.: 583IP1173
Title: The combating of pollution in the North Sea
Rapporteur: Maij-Weggen
Abstract: The EP was convinced that the Member States had so far failed to discharge their responsibilities with regard to pollution of the North Sea, since they had still not adopted a number of directives which were important for this problem and which had been before the Council since 1976.

The COM is urged with a view to the forthcoming Conference on the North Sea, to consider whether the existing items of legislation and institutions should be combined to form a single convention on protection of the North Sea and made the responsibility of a single institution. The EP demands that until such time as an overall solution has been found for protection of the North Sea, a coordinated approach by the Community and the Member States on the basis of the Oslo and London Conventions and the ratification of the Convention of 13.9.83 on cooperation in combating pollution of the North Sea by oil and other harmful substances.

The COM (Narjes) said that it would play an active part in the ministerial conference on the North Sea which was likely to take place in Bremen in October. Towards the end of the year it would be able to assess the problems more adequately and comprehensively. Narjes pointed to the benefits to the environment of the common fisheries policy agreed on shortly before.

According to the Commission, one of the problems of the existing Conventions was that some states had still not entered into binding commitments. In the long term it felt there was a need for a global approach to the problems of the North Sea.

2.5.4-----Caribbean

EP: Doc. No.: 583AP1329

 Title: Decision concerning cooperation in combating oil
 spills in the wider Caribbean region

 Pub. Ref.: Official Journal No. C 104, 16.4.84, P 0117

2.5.5-----Conference on the Law of the Sea

EP: Doc. No.: 582IP0688

 Title: Resolution on deep seabed mining and the marine
 environment

 Pub. Ref.: Official Journal No. C 013, 17.1.83, P 0032

 Rapporteur: Spaak

 Abstract: The EP urged the Council and the COM to step up
 consultations with the USA and other states which had
 abstained or voted against the draft convention in
 the vote of April 1982.

 It called for the harmonization of environmental
 legislation in the Member States with regard to
 deep seabed mining and for coordination by the COM
 of the various measures to combat marine pollution.
 Parliament asked the Council and the COM to promote
 research on the deep seabed and to take the necessary
 steps to ensure recognition at international level
 of protected zones for marine fauna and flora.

The COM (Andriessen) drew attention to Article 2 in Annex IX of the agreement under which international organizations can only become signatories to the agreement if the majority of their Member States have signed. Mr Narjes drew attention at the Council meeting of 23.11. to the fact that the Community clause was inadequate. Once it has signed the Convention the Community could participate in the work of the preparatory committee as a member with full voting rights and help to establish the implementing provisions.

Active participation by the Community was also necessary with regard to the environmental aspects. Any future Community legislation on seabed mining would have to be compatible with the provisions of the Law of the Sea which were to be drawn up by the preparatory committee. As regards protective areas of the seabed, the Commission was intending to contact governments and international organizations to discover how this might best be arranged.

3.-----Air pollution

3.1 Air pollution, general (eg. measures to combat acid rain, -----forest fires, air pollution in enclosed spaces)-----

EP: Doc. No.: 583IP0409

Title: Resolution on the need to improve forest-fire protection

Pub. Ref.: Official Journal No. C 184, 11.7.83, P 0100

Rapporteur: De March and 20 others

Abstract: The EP called on the Council to adopt as soon as possible the proposal to increase appropriations by 46m. ECU for forestry action in Mediterranean regions. It called on the COM to draw up proposals for forest-fire protection. It requested that a new budget line 'Forest-fire Protection' under the EAGGF - Guidance section be created and allocated appropriations in the 1984 budget. The Member States concerned had to cooperate to fight forest fires.

The COM forwarded to the Council on 27.6.83 a proposal for a regulation to introduce a 5 year Community action programme to provide greater protection to forest areas against forest-fire and acid rain (COM (82) 284).

The COM estimates the resources needed to finance this action from 1984 to 1988 as 100m. ECU.

EP: Doc. No.: 583AP0690

Title: The urgent need to improve measures to combat forest fires

Pub. Ref.: Official Journal No. C. 277, 17.10.83, P 132

Rapporteur: De March and 20 others

Abstract: The EP expressed its satisfaction at the COM's proposal of 14.6.83 (1-610/83 - COM (83) 375, on action to increase protection for forests against fire and acid rain; it requested the Council to adopt and implement this measure with speed. Parliament wished to see a new budget heading for 'Protection of forests against fires' included as from the 1984 budget. The COM was asked to grant emergency aid to the fire-affected regions.

The COM (Pisani) said that they had commissioned a study of forest problems which would soon be complete. If this study showed that new measures were needed and if the Council adopted the above regulation this would be reflected in the budget for 1984 and in 1984 supplementary budgets. Essentially a long term forest policy needed to be drawn up for the regions in the Community affected by acid rain. Property rights were also involved; owners of forests would have to be encouraged to cooperate in the implementation of this policy. The COM submitted an amended proposal (COM (84) 418).

EP: Doc. No.: 583IP1168

Title: The combating of acid rain

Pub. Ref.: Official Journal No. C 46, 20.2.84, P 0117

Rapporteur: Muntingh

Abstract: The EP was extremely alarmed at the increasing impact of acid rain on the environment (death of forests and lakes on a massive scale and the disappearance of entire ecosystems), and at the harmful effects on valuable cultural assets, agricultural crops and health. The chief cause of acid rain was identified as the combustion of fossil fuels (Principally in large-scale fuel-burning installations).

Parliament made a number of requests to the Commission and the Council concerning, inter alia: the drawing-up at an early date of a major programme of measures to combat air pollution; the financing of this programme; the establishment of a European forest damage register; ratification of the 1979 Convention on transboundary air pollution; further negotiations with the eastern European countries; the coordination of scientific research into air pollution in the European Community).

The COM (Narjes) said that it was very important that Parliament should express an opinion in this period of office on the two proposals for directives from the Commission on limiting the emission of harmful substances into the atmosphere by major industrial plant and restricting the level of nitrogen oxides in the atmosphere.

The Commission confirmed the need for supervision and monitoring the implementation of environmental protection measures, the special responsibility of local authorities and the need to step up East-West discussions on this subject.

EP: Doc. No.: 584IP0241

Title: Indoor pollution

Pub. Ref.: Official Journal No. C 172, 2.7.84, P 167

Rapporteur: Hooper

Abstract: The EP took the view that the increasing use of air-conditioning systems in many modern buildings had resulted in health problems and considered that the Commission should examine the problem within the context of existing research programmes, such as the sectoral research development programme in the field of environment 1981-1985.

EP: Doc. No.: 584AP0248

Title: Regulation establishing a Community scheme to provide forests in the Community with increased protection against fire and acid rain

Pub. Ref.: Official Journal No. C 172, 2.7.84, P 87

Rapporteur: Ghergo

Abstract: The EP welcomed the Commission's proposal to provide forests with increased protection against the damage caused by fires and acid rain, and called for an increase in the funds earmarked for the consequences of atmospheric pollution.

Since acid rain was particularly serious in certain regions of the Community, high risk zones should be identified within the framework of the Community scheme and provision made accordingly for graduated financial intervention. Parliament also drew the Commission's attention to the importance of introducing standard Community procedures for the measurement of atmospheric pollution. It stressed the importance of the research work to be coordinated by the Commission and designed to further the understanding of the causes of atmospheric pollution.

Parliament adopted 7 amendments to the Commission's proposal.

The COM (Narjes) said that the Council generally accepted the Commission proposal and that the Commission had incorporated the essential features of Parliament's resolution and amendments.

3.2 Establishment of quality standards for air (lead,
----- sulphur dioxide, airborne particles) -----

EP: Doc. No.: 581AP0043

Title: Resolution embodying the opinion of the European Parliament, in accordance with the procedure without report, on the proposal for a directive adapting Directive No. 80/779/EEC on air quality limit values and guide values for sulphur dioxide and suspended particulates

Pub. Ref.: Official Journal No. C 144, 15.6.81, P 0037

Rapporteur: -

COUNCIL Directive No. 81/857/EEC, 19 October 1981 (OJ No. L 319)

EP: Doc. No.: 581IP0636

Title: Resolution on the combating of photochemical pollution

Pub. Ref.: Official Journal No. C 125, 17.5.82, P 0163

Rapporteur: Muntingh

Abstract: The EP requested the COM to draw up a directive setting limit levels for nitrogen oxides, hydrocarbons and oxidants and, if this was not possible in the near future, to continue with its research and to keep the EP regularly informed of progress made.

The COM was also requested to draw up an order of priority for combating photochemical air pollution and to strengthen the relevant directives on air pollution in the light of the most recent information.

The COM drew attention to its draft on nitrogen oxides which it intended to submit to Parliament within the year and studies on the present situation in the fields of measurement data, findings on the relationship between chemical precursors and oxidants, methods of analysis and the choice of a possible indicator of oxidants which should be concluded in the course of the year.

Systematic measurements are also to be taken in the Member States of photochemical oxidants. In the proposal for an action programme on environmental protection (COM (81) 626), paragraph 21 dealt with measures to protect against air pollution.

3.3 ----- Air pollution from industrial plants -----

EP: Doc. No. 583AP0992

Title: Resolution closing the procedure for consultation of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a directive on the combating of air pollution from industrial plants

Pub. Ref.: Official Journal No. C 342, 19.12.83, P 0160

Rapporteur: Squarcialupi

Abstract: The EP adopted 24 amendments, aimed mainly at tightening up the proposal, eg. in Articles 6 and 11, provisions were inserted enabling an authorization to be temporarily withdrawn. A text was added to Article 8 requiring the COM to submit a phased plan for more stringent standards. A new paragraph was added to Article 14 whereby a redevelopment programme was to be set up for plants that could not be adapted owing to technical and economic considerations. Parliament was to be consulted on amendments necessary to take account of technical progress, and the procedure for this was laid down in Article 19.

The EP stressed the need for this first step to be followed by further measures as quickly as possible. It hoped that the Council would approve at the earliest opportunity the directive on environmental impact. Parliament called on the COM, inter alia: to set emission standards for the major air pollutants; to step up its work on non-polluting technology and production cycles; to study the possibility of making proposals for Community-wide regulations on industrial secrecy. The EP regretted that the directive did not include an annex setting out the financial implications.

COUNCIL Directive No. 84/360/EEC, 28 June 1984 (OJ No. L 188)

EP: Doc. No.: 5841P0257

Title: Limiting the emission of pollutants into the air from large combustion plants and air quality standards for nitrogen dioxide

Pub. Ref.: Official Journal No. C 172, 2.7.84, P 0120

Rapporteur: Schleicher

Abstract: The EP considered it vitally necessary for common rules on large combustion plants and on air quality standards for nitrogen dioxide to be adopted as soon as possible, and requested the Council to begin without delay the consultations on both Commission proposals. Once the newly-elected Parliament was constituted, it should be directly informed on the progress of the deliberations within the Council. For its part, the EP undertook to adopt its reports

on these two subjects before November 1984.

The COM (Narjes) pointed out that deliberations on this proposal had already begun within the administration of the Council and that it was planned to hold a debate of principle on these proposals at the Council of Ministers meeting on 28 June 1984. The Commission undertook to inform the newly-elected Parliament immediately after its constituent meeting on the progress reached in negotiations and expressed the hope that the new Parliament would succeed in adopting the 2 reports on this topic as early as October

3.4 ----- Exhaust gases from motor vehicles

EP: Doc. No.: 583AP0082

Title: Resolution closing the procedure for consultation of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a directive amending Directive No. 70/220/EEC on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to measures to be taken against air pollution by gases from positive-ignition engines of motor vehicles

Pub. Ref.: Official Journal No. C 184, 11.7.83, P 0131

Rapporteur: Collins

Abstract: At the votes on 20.5.83 (paragraph 15 of the Minutes) the EP inserted two new Articles, 2a and 2b, under which the EP should be consulted on amendments to the annexes to the directive, and laying down details of this procedure.

The EP requested the COM to: draw up a proposal on the harmonization of compulsory technical checks on motor vehicles throughout the Community and to present findings on the positive results of the implementation of the directive not later than the end of 1985. It stressed that measures to deal with air pollution from diesel engines of heavy vehicles should also be introduced.

The COM (Haferkamp) said that it was willing to supply regular reports on the adaptation of technical standards and to discuss these matters with the appropriate committees of the European Parliament.

In Council Directive No. 83/351/EEC of 16.6.83 (OJ No. L 197/1 of 20.8.83) the Commission proposal is adopted with a few minor changes taking no account of Parliament's amendments.

EP: Doc. No.: 583IP0279

Title: Resolution concerning lead in petrol

Pub. Ref.: Official Journal No. C 184, 11.7.83, P 0011

Rapporteur: Ceravolo

Abstract: The EP called on the COM to: submit as soon as possible proposals for the updating of Directive No. 78/611/EEC abolishing the minimum level requirement of 0.15 g/l, reducing the maximum permitted level to 0.15 g/l and introducing lead-free petrol on the market; indicate before 1.1.84 (paragraph 7) a timetable and programme for the compulsory use of lead-free fuel in all new motor vehicles; and to draw the attention of applicant countries to the possible revision of Directive No. 78/611/EEC.

The COM (Narjes) had set up a working group, the ERGA Group, which was investigating the problems for motor vehicle manufacturers and refineries by the transition to lead-free petrol and which would probably submit a technical report on this subject before the summer recess. It would call on the Member States to approximate their provisions on lead content to the minimum level of 0.15 g/l but would not abolish the provisions on minimum content as that would create too many difficulties for the industry and for the internal market. For refining and technical grounds it would scarcely be possible to introduce lead-free petrol on to the market before 1985. It would be impossible to fulfill the request made in paragraph 7 before 1984 but perhaps this could be done during 1984. It would obviously bring the matter up in discussions with the applicant countries.

On 28.11.83 the Commission submitted to the Council an oral report on the progress of the work of the working party which began its study of the problems involved in reducing lead in petrol in June 1983. The Council stated that it was in favour of as large a reduction as possible and asked the Commission to submit suitable proposals before April 1984 and this has in fact taken place (COM (84) 226), OJ No. C 178 of 6.7.84).

EP: Doc. No.: 5841P0316

Title: The introduction of lead-free petrol

Pub. Ref.: Official Journal No. C 172, 2.7.84, P 0121

Rapporteur: Alber, Collins and Gautier

Abstract: The EP condemned the Commission's intention not to make the introduction of lead-free petrol compulsory until after 1989 and to provide for two phases in the reduction of exhaust gas emissions, with the result that standards comparable to those of the US and Japan could not come into force before 1995.

The COM (Narjes) said that their proposals to the Member States in no way prevented lead-free petrol being introduced earlier than 1989 but at the same time observed that the necessary prerequisites were not available everywhere. The producers of small cars had different problems in this respect as the producers of vehicles in the 2 litre category.

3.5 Effect on the stratospheric ozone layer and the
----- climate (fluorohydrocarbons) -----

EP: Doc. No.: 579AP0570

Title: Resolution embodying the opinion of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a decision concerning chlorofluorocarbons in the environment

Pub. Ref.: Official Journal No. C 004, 7.1.80, P 0068

Rapporteur: Newton Dunn

Abstract: The EP adopted an amendment to the proposal whereby the desired 30% reduction in the use of chlorofluorocarbons by end 1981 would be related to present levels, and not those of 1976.

In its reply of 18.2.80 to Written Question No. 802/79 (OJ No. C 80) the COM said that they had urged industry to provide comprehensive information on the progress reached in discovering alternative substances.

COUNCIL Decision No. 80/372/EEC of 26.3.80 (OJ No. L 90) adopted the Commission proposal with minor amendments but took no note of the amendments proposed by Parliament.

EP: Doc. No.: 581AP0976

Title: Resolution embodying the opinion of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a decision on the consolidation of precautionary measures concerning chlorofluorocarbons in the environment

Pub. Ref.: Official Journal No. C 125, 17.5.82, P 0167

Rapporteur: Scrivener

Abstract: The EP welcomed the COM proposal, urging it to step up its efforts to reduce emissions in some areas and production in countries which had not yet done so. It also urged the COM to obtain data on aerosols imported from third countries.

The COM proposal was designed to strengthen the measures which had already been taken as the situation would have to be reviewed on the basis of current data in 1983. The programme to reduce emissions was already being drawn up and the Commission was participating in international measures to protect the atmosphere by reducing the effects of aerosols.

The COUNCIL Decision No. 82/79/EEC of 15.11.82 (OJ No. L 329/29 of 25.11.82) adopted the Commission proposal with a few drafting changes. Article 2 of the Commission proposal was not adopted however.

3.6 Information system on air pollution in the Member States

EP: Doc. No.: 581AP1073

Title: Resolution embodying the opinion of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a decision establishing a reciprocal exchange of information and data from networks and individual stations measuring air pollution within the Member States

Pub. Ref.: Official Journal No. C 125, 17.5.82, P 0165

Rapporteur: Mertens

Abstract: Whilst welcoming the Commission proposal, the EP deplored its failure to report on experience in the exchange of data on sulphur compounds, especially as the 'acid rain' phenomenon should be studied in greater detail. Should not hydrogen chlorides be included in the exchange of information covered by the decision?

The COM shared the views expressed by the EP but emphasized that not all problems relating to acid rain had been solved yet and that they believed that this matter had priority. In addition it was collating all the data provided by measuring stations and examining the data on disease and in connection with climatological studies that had been carried out.

COUNCIL Decision No. 82/459/EEC of 24.6.82 (OJ No. L 210, P 1, 19.7.82) adopts the Commission proposal with a few, mainly drafting, amendments. The period of application is set at 7 years.

3.7 Measures to combat international air pollution

EP: Doc. No.: 579AP0635

Title: Resolution embodying the opinion of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a decision on the conclusion of the convention on long-range transboundary air pollution

Pub. Ref.: Official Journal No. C 059, 10.3.80, P 0072

Rapporteur: Squarcialupi

Abstract: The EP approved the proposal and called on the COM to propose amendments to the agreement in due course and to ensure that the agreement is put into practice on a provisional basis until its entry into force.

COUNCIL Decision No. 81/462EEC of 11 June 1981 (OJ No. L 171)

4.-----Chemicals

4.1 Establishment of Community standards for certain types of chemical products-----

4.1.1 Dyes and paints

EP: Doc. No.: 582AP0107

Title: Resolution embodying the opinion of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a directive amending Directive No. 77/728/EEC on the approximation of the laws, regulations and administrative provisions of the Member States relating to the classification, packaging and labelling of paints, varnishes, printing inks and similar products

Pub. Ref.: Official Journal No. C 125, 17.5.82, P 0149

Rapporteur: Krouwel-Vlam

Abstract: Parliament approved the Commission proposal.

COUNCIL Directive No. 83/265/EEC of 16 May 1983 (OJ No. L 147)

4.2 Use of dangerous substances and preparations

EP: Doc. No.: 580AP0217

Title: Resolution embodying the opinion of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a directive amending for the fourth time Directive No. 76/769/EEC on the approximation of the laws, regulations and administrative provisions of the Member States relating to restrictions on the marketing and use of certain dangerous substances and preparations

Pub. Ref.: Official Journal No. C 175, 14.7.80, P 0088

Rapporteur: Remilly

Abstract: Parliament approved the Commission proposal.

COUNCIL Directive No. 82/828/EEC of 3 December 1982 (OJ No. L 350)

EP: Doc. No.: 582AP0106

Title: Resolution embodying the opinion of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a directive amending for the seventh time Directive No. 76/769/EEC on the approximation of the laws, regulations and

administrative provisions of the Member States
relating to restrictions on the marketing and use
of certain dangerous substances and preparations

Pub. Ref.: Official Journal No. C 125, 17.5.82, P 0148

Rapporteur: Lentz-Cornette

Abstract: Parliament approved the Commission proposal

COUNCIL Directive No. 83/264/EEC of 16 May 1983 (OJ No. L 147)

EP: Doc. No.: 581AP0903

Title: Resolution embodying the opinion of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a directive amending for the fifth time Directive No. 76/769/EEC on the approximation of the laws, regulations and administrative provisions of the Member States relating to restrictions on the marketing and use of certain dangerous substances and preparations

Pub. Ref.: Official Journal No. C 125, 17.5.82, P 0159

Rapporteur: Schleicher

Abstract: The EP supported the COM proposal and asked it to keep a close watch on studies on the dangers of blue and white asbestos, to revise the list of prohibited uses for types of asbestos generally authorized, to define 'harmful release' and to encourage research for safe substitutes, promoting their use.

The COM said that considerable progress had been achieved as regards the fields of application of the generally permitted types of asbestos. There should be no direct ban on objects containing blue asbestos and their use posed no threat. The Commission approved of studies into alternative substances within the scale of their financial resources.

The COM forwarded an amended proposal to the Council on 10.9.82 (COM (82) 498).

COUNCIL Directive No. 83/478/EEC of 19 September 1983 (OJ No. L 263)

4.2.1-----Pesticides (see also V.3.1)

EP: Doc. No.: 580AP0729

Title: Resolution embodying the opinion of the European parliament on the proposals from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for
I. a directive on the fixing of maximum levels for pesticide residues in and on cereals intended for human consumption

II. a directive on the fixing of maximum levels
for pesticide residues in and on foodstuffs of
animal origin

Pub. Ref.: Official Journal No. C 028, 9.2.81, P 0062

Rapporteur: Combe

Abstract: The EP welcomed the Commission's proposals, while calling for the same stringent controls on imported products as on intra-community trade and urging the inclusion of a clause requiring the Member States to carry out regular monitoring and surveillance of foodstuffs in the interests of uniform enforcement. It also proposed other improvements, including a series of amendments tightening up the provisions of the two proposals for directives.

The COM opposed the amendments proposed. In their view it was up to the importing State to determine the terms for trade in products offered.

This proposal is before the Council.

4.2.2 Benzene

EP: Doc. No.: 580AP0536

Title: Resolution embodying the opinion of the European Parliament, in accordance with the procedure without report, on the proposal from the Commission to the Council for a directive amending for the sixth time Directive No. 76/769/EEC on the approximation of the laws, regulations and administrative provisions of the Member States relating to restrictions on the marketing and use of certain dangerous substances and preparations (Benzene)

Pub. Ref.: Official Journal No. C 346, 31.12.80, P 0095

Rapporteur: -

COUNCIL Directive No. 82/806/EEC of 22 November 1982 (OJ No. L 339).

5. Noise

5.1 Permitted maximum noise levels for engines

5.1.1 Motor vehicles

EP: Doc. No.: 584AP0203

Title: Directive amending Directive No. 70/157/EEC on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to the permissible sound level and the exhaust systems of motor vehicles

Pub. Ref.: Official Journal No. C 172, 2.7.84, P 0157

Rapporteur: Sherlock

Abstract: The EP approved the Commission's proposal, which should be regarded as an intermediate step to be followed at a later stage by further measures aiming at the revision of the Community's motor vehicle regulations as a whole, on the basis of scientific, technical and economic studies. Parliament invited the Commission to submit also as soon as possible proposals relating to the reduction of the noise level of motor cycles and mopeds.

5.1.2 Subsonic aircraft

EP: Doc. No.: 582AP0294

Title: Resolution closing the procedure for consultation of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a directive amending Council Directive No. 80/51/EEC of 20 December 1979 on the limitation of noise emissions from subsonic aircraft

Pub. Ref.: Official Journal No. C 334, 20.12.82, P 0137

Rapporteur: Squarcialupi

Abstract: The EP approved the proposal. It called on the Member States to comply with Directive No. 80/51/EEC without delay. Parliament requested the COM to examine the possibility of laying down rules governing the noise to which persons operating the aircraft and in the surrounding environment were exposed, and to introduce a framework directive to combat noise pollution at the workplace.

The COM (Contogeorgis) agreed with the Committee on the Environment that noise pollution was an urgent problem.

Council Directive No. 83/206/EEC of 21.4.83 (OJ No. L 117, 4.5.83) adopted the Commission proposal.

5.1.3 Swing-wing aircraft

EP: Doc. No.: 582AP0982

Title: Resolution closing the procedure for consultation of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a directive on the limitation of noise emissions from helicopters

Pub. Ref.: Official Journal No. C. 042, 14.2.83, P 0108

Abstract: The EP deleted Article 9 (1) on the time limit for implementation.

It requested the COM to put forward as soon as possible an outline directive designed to eliminate noise pollution in places of work. It urged that the present directive should only enter into force when equivalent provisions had been adopted by exporting third countries.

The COM (Davignon) said that it could not accept the amendment, the directive could provide an incentive to Community producers for technological development which would give them an advantage over competitors. The Commission attached considerable importance to the recommendations of international organisations.

5.2-----Noise emissions from domestic appliances

EP: Doc. No.: 583AP0495

Title: Resolution closing the procedure for consultation of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a directive concerning airborne noise emitted by household appliances

Pub. Ref.: Official Journal No. C 277, 17.10.83, P 0192

Rapporteur: Krouwel-Vlam

Abstract: The EP adopted two amendments: the first deleted Article 7 (2), which would have allowed Member States to request that the marketing of an appliance be suspended if the noise level was found to be higher than that published; the second replaced the details contained in Annex I with a reference to CENELEC harmonization document HD-423-1.

The EP hoped that when proposals for the implementation of this framework directive were submitted, in particular concerning labelling, the COM would express the relevant data in the form of a scale of maximum noise levels which the consumer could easily understand. The COM was also urged to combat the level of noise emissions from other sources. Parliament called on the Council, when considering this proposal, to consider also the proposal for a directive on the indication by labelling of the energy consumption of household appliances (1-222/80 - COM (80) 193, EP's opinion delivered on 19.12.80.

The COM amended its proposal (COM (83) 694); see OJ No. C 334, 10.12.83, P 15.

5.3-----Noise at work

EP: Doc. No.: 583AP1127

Title: Directive on the protection of workers from the risks related to exposure to chemical, physical and biological agents at work: noise

Pub. Ref.: Official Journal No. C 117, 30.4.84, P 0006

Rapporteur: Sherlock

Abstract: The EP agreed that the most effective way of tackling the problem of noise in the workplace was by reducing noise at source. The limit value for the daily sound exposure level should for the time being be fixed at 90 dB and more attention paid to the value and efficacy of hearing protectors, particularly in regard to the 85 dB - 90 dB range, where they were an economical means of guarding against a minimal risk of hearing impairment.

The COM (Narjes) said that it had amended its proposal considerably to take account of Parliament's objections. It therefore accepted among other things a limit value of 90 dB (A).

6.-----Waste

6.1-----Waste, general

EP: Doc. No.: 5831P1376

Title: Waste

Pub. Ref.: Official Journal No. C 104, 16.4.84, P 0147

Rapporteur: Squarcialupi

Abstract: More than 2,000 million tonnes of waste is produced in the Community every year and this figure is rising by 3% each year. The EP took the view that waste management and recycling could be considered as an important factor in economic development and called on the Commission to speed up the implementation of the plan for a data bank covering waste and recycling (EWADAT), formulate a multiannual programme for waste management and submit to the Council a second multiannual research and development programme in the field of recycling of urban and industrial waste.

6.2 Toxic and dangerous waste

6.2.1 Committee of Inquiry

EP: Doc. No.: 583IP0158

Title: Resolution on the application of the Community directives on toxic substances and the shipment and storage of the Seveso dioxin

Pub. Ref.: Official Journal No. C 128, 16.5.83, P 0060

Rapporteur: Walter

Abstract: The EP called on the COM to ascertain whether Directive No. 78/319/EEC was being applied in the case of the 41 drums of waste from Seveso. The Community institutions were called upon to adopt rapidly the proposal for a directive COM (82) 892; this directive should apply to all dangerous and contaminated substances. It was vital that these directives should be respected by companies outside the Community which operated on Community territory.

EP: Doc. No.: 584IP0163

Title: Treatment of toxic and dangerous waste in the European Communities and the Member States

Pub. Ref.: Official Journal No. C 127, 14.5.84, P 0067

Rapporteur: Pruvot

Abstract: The EP endorsed the conclusions contained in the resolution put forward by the Committee of Inquiry: Directive No. 78/319/EEC on toxic and dangerous waste had not been fully and properly implemented by the Member States. Parliament took the Commission to task for failing to carry out its task as guardian of the treaties by not taking the necessary measures in good time vis-à-vis the Member States with regard to the implementation and application of the directive. The Council was also censured for delaying the enactment of the proposal for a regulation on the transfrontier shipment of waste.

The EP therefore called for the full implementation of Directive No. 78/319 and an early decision by the Council on the proposal for a regulation on the transfrontier shipment of hazardous wastes and requested the Commission to put forward a European waste policy by the end of 1984 which could create 1-2 million new jobs.

The COM (Narjes) shared the view of the EP that the proposal for a regulation on the transfrontier shipment of hazardous waste be adopted by the Council

as soon as possible. The Commission would press for this and at the same time bring up once again the problem of liability and insurance.

However, Commissioner Narjes disputed the suggestion that the Commission restricted itself to formal supervision of the implementation of directives by the Member States. The Commission made use of the services of legal experts in the Member States who reported to it. There was therefore a substantial check on what happened. Partly due to the lack of staff (there were only 3 officials working on the waste policy) the Commission was however dependent on the Member States acting in conformity with the Treaty and it was up to them to be more constructive and progressive with regard to the supervision and implementation of national law. The Community had also taken some 70 decisions on environmental matters up to now of which 40 were directives, which would normally have to be incorporated into national law within 2 years. Only after that would administrative practice show whether the Member States were acting in accordance with the spirit and letter of these directives.

6.2.2 International carriage of toxic and dangerous waste

EP: Doc. No.: 583AP0370

Title: Resolution closing the procedure for consultation of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a directive on the supervision and control of transfrontier shipment of hazardous wastes within the European Community

Pub. Ref.: Official Journal No. C 184, 11.7.83, P 0050

Rapporteur: Van Hemeldonck

Abstract: The EP changed the directive into a regulation as the legal form, extended the scope to cover dangerous products and changed the notification requirement.

The COM took up certain EP amendments (eg. regulation instead of directive) and forwarded these to the Council.

The Council adopted at its meeting of 28/29 June 1984 this proposal in the form of a directive.

6.3 Treatment of chemical and radioactive waste

6.3.1 Treatment and storage of radioactive waste

EP: Doc. No.: 579AP0576

Title: Resolution embodying the opinion of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a decision on a second five-year programme (1980-1984) on radioactive waste management and storage

Pub. Ref.: Official Journal No. C 059, 10.3.80, P 0016

Rapporteur: Weber

Abstract: The EP approved the Commission's proposal. At the same time it asked to be given information on the progress of the programme at regular intervals, called on the Commission to submit to the Council proposals for an extension of the programme not later than 1 year before its expiry, and asked the Council to decide on these proposals within 6 months.

COUNCIL Decision No. 80/343/Euratom of 18.3.80 (OJ No. L 78) adopts the Commission proposal with some amendments.

6.3.2 Disposal of chemical and radioactive waste at sea

EP: Doc. No.: 582IP0594

Title: Resolution on the storage of nuclear waste in the Atlantic by the Netherlands, Belgium and the United Kingdom

Pub. Ref.: Official Journal No. C 267, 11.10.82, P 0046

Rapporteur: Weber

Abstract: The EP expected the Netherlands, Belgium and the UK to stop immediately the storage of radioactive waste in the Atlantic. It called on the Commission to submit a proposal for a directive which would ensure that the sea was not polluted by radioactive waste from the Community and, pending its adoption, to take all possible steps to stop such dumping.

The COM (Davignon) said that new directives were not necessary but that instead care should be taken that existing rules of international law were respected and adjusted to take account of technological developments.

EP: Doc. No.: 583IP1413

Title: Dumping of chemical and radioactive waste at sea

Pub. Ref.: Official Journal No. C 104, 16.4.84, P 0072

Rapporteur: Eisma

Abstract: Pollution of the seas was still increasing, despite a number of conventions banning the dumping of waste at sea. The Commission would not be able to exercise effective controls over the implementation of conventions until the Community became a signatory to the Conventions or the Council adopted the proposal for a directive of 1976 implementing the provisions of the Conventions of Oslo (1972) and London (1972) in the Member States. Parliament therefore urged the Council to adopt the 1976 proposal for a directive as soon as possible if the accession to the above mentioned Conventions could not be achieved in the near future and called on those Member States which had not yet ratified the Conventions to do so as soon as possible. The EP also advocated a Community policy on waste, the main principles of which should be as follows: waste must be reprocessed by the manufacturer as far as possible; the selection of production processes that produce a minimum of waste when setting up new industries; only waste that is rendered harmless may be dumped at sea. Parliament also expressed the wish that no more radioactive waste should be dumped at sea after 1 January 1984.

Commissioner Narjes supported the political objectives of the resolution. The COM intended to submit to the Council at the middle of this year a new proposal for a directive on the discharge of waste into the sea. Also COM would shortly be carrying out a study on the dumping of radioactive waste at sea. He further pointed out that the signatories to the London Agreement in February 1983 had adopted a resolution calling for no radioactive waste to be dumped at sea for a period of 2 years to enable an independent scientific study to be carried out.

6.4-----Recycling

6.4.1-----Sewage sludge in agriculture

EP: Doc. No.: 583AP1137

Title: Directive on the use of sewage sludge in agriculture

Pub. Ref.: Official Journal No. C 77, 19.3.84, P 0136

Rapporteur: Bombard

Abstract: The EP felt that the proposals made by the Commission should be couched in more restrictive terms to ensure adequate consumer protection and made ten amendments to the Commission proposal.

The COM (Dalsager) said that it accepted the conclusions of the EP resolution and most of the amendments.

The COM amended its original proposal (COM (84) 240).

6.4.2-----Paper and pulp waste

EP: Doc. No.: 580AP0659

Title: Resolution embodying the opinion of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a recommendation to the Member States concerning the recovery and reuse of waste paper and board

Pub. Ref.: Official Journal No. C 028, 9.2.81, P 0066

Rapporteur: Hooper

Abstract: The EP approved the Commission's proposal for a recommendation and asked it to reassess previous legislation which militated against the use of recycled paper and submit appropriate proposals. It also proposed a number of amendments amplifying and clarifying the text of the proposal for a recommendation.

The COM was willing to incorporate some of the proposed amendments and amend its proposals. It took the view however that the question of supply should be dealt with separately from demand and was therefore opposed to including this aspect in the recommendation.

COUNCIL Recommendation No. 81/972/EEC of 3 December 1981 (OJ No. L 355).

7. Conservation of fauna and flora

7.1 Preservation of habitats

7.1.1 Of wild animals and wild plants

EP: Doc. No.: 580AP0152

Title: Resolution embodying the opinion of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a decision concerning the conclusion of the convention on the conservation of European wildlife and natural habitats

Pub. Ref.: Official Journal No. C 175, 14.7.80, P 0018

Rapporteur: Muntingh

Abstract: The EP strongly urged the Council and COM to give top priority to a common policy towards nature and the environment; it called for a study of the relationship between this agreement and other international treaties in this field and measures to prevent the import of whale products; finally it made a number of specific comments on improving the agreement and further measures to protect wild animals and plants.

The COM (Natali) conceded that the agreement would have to be expanded later in certain areas; the COM would consider whether future programmes should include proposals for the protection of plants and vertebrates.

COUNCIL Decision No. 82/72/EEC of 3 December 1981 (OJ No. L 38).

7.1.1.1 Migrating wild animal species

EP: Doc. No.: 581AP0243

Title: Resolution embodying the opinion of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a decision on the conclusion of the convention on the conservation of migratory species of wild animals

Pub. Ref.: Official Journal No. C 327, 14.12.81, P 0095

Rapporteur: Verroken

Abstract: The EP wished the Community to accede to the convention as quickly as possible and without reservations. It urged the Commission to take steps to ensure the inclusion in Appendix I of all cetaceans found in Europe and insisted that Appendix II should refer to a classification system covering the largest number of species.

The COM would study within 2 years after ratification of the agreement which migratory species of wild animals needed to be covered by a special agreement and forward to the Secretariat of the convention a list of the threatened migratory species found in the Community for inclusion in the annexes to the convention.

COUNCIL Decision No. 82/461/EEC of 24 June 1982 (OJ No. L 210)

7.1.1.2 Wild bird species

EP: Doc. No.: 581AP0047

Title: Resolution embodying the opinion of the European Parliament, in accordance with the procedure without report, on the proposal for a directive adapting Council Directive no. 79/409/EEC on the conservation of wild birds

Pub. Ref.: Official Journal No. C 144, 15.6.81, P 0037

Rapporteur: -

COUNCIL Directive No. 81/854/EEC of 19 October 1981, (OJ No. L 319)

7.1.2 In certain areas

7.1.2.1 Irish bogs

EP: Doc. No.: 582IP1188

Title: Resolution on the protection of the Irish bogs

Pub. Ref.: Official Journal No. C 096, 11.4.83, P 0095

Rapporteur: Mertens

Abstract: The EP considered it desirable that Community and national assistance be made available to the national peatlands preservation committee. It urged that Raheenmore Bog in Co. Offaly and Curburymore Bog be given total protection.

It requested the COM: to ascertain whether financing could be made available from the environmental fund for the purchase of bogs; to ensure that a research programme on the 'natural' changes in protected bogs was initiated; to ascertain whether 10% of the appropriations earmarked for industrial and agricultural development projects could in future be set aside for nature conservation; to ascertain what appropriations could be allocated from the social and regional funds to measures for the creation of jobs and the development of less favoured boglands.

The COM (Narjes) accepted the resolution. Under Item 6611 it had already decided on funds to provide some of the financing for a descriptive analysis with a view to creating a protected area near Clonmacnoise in Co. Offaly. The Commission's scope for further support would largely depend on whether its draft regulation on Community environmental action (COM (82) 849) were accepted and if adequate resources were provided. It was very willing to find out whether possible proposals on research programmes could partly be financed under the environmental research programme. Proposals could be submitted until 31.5.83.

7.1.2 Wadden Sea

EP: Doc.No.: 584IP0237

Title: The international Wadden Sea area

Pub. Ref.: Official Journal No. C 172, 2.7.84, P 0161

Rapporteur: Muntingh

Abstract: The EP expressed its alarm and indignation at the decision by the Dutch Government to polderize approximately 1000 hectares of the Dutch part of the Wadden Sea area and to grant approval for the extraction of gas and the installation of an oil pipeline and to give permission for military activities. Parliament called on the Commission to accede to the 'Joint Declaration on the Portection of the Wadden Sea' of 9 December 1982, as a fourth party in addition to Denmark, Germany and The Netherlands.

The Wadden Sea is a link in the chain of natural ecosystems which is of vital importance to the North Sea in general and in particular for the continued survival of numerous birdspecies.

7.1.2.3 Certain Sicilian Lakes

EP: Doc. No. 584IP0189

Title: The protection of the habitat of the lakes of Ganzirri and Faro (Messina) and the protection of the natural habitat of the ponds of Vendicari (Syracuse)

Pub Ref.: Official Journal No. C 172, 2.7.84, P 0160

Rapporteur: Mertens

Abstract: The EP called on the Council to adopt without delay the directive on environmental impact assessment for certain public and private projects and called on the Commission to ensure that the provisions of Directive No. 79/409/EEC on the conservation of wild birds was adhered to.

Plans are being made to build a marina on the two coastal lakes of Ganzirri and Faro and in the Vendicari natural park a private consortium is planning a tourist centre, with accommodation for approximately 5000 people.

7.1.2.4 Antarctica

EP: Doc. No.: 581AP0079

Title: Resolution embodying the opinion of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a decision concerning the conclusion of the convention on the conservation of Antarctic marine living resources

Rapporteur: Muntingh

Abstract: The EP approved Commission's proposal

Council Decision No. 81/691/EEC of 4.9.81 (OJ No. L 252) adopted the Commission proposal

7.2 Monitoring or prohibition of trade in endangered species and in products made from such species

7.2.1 International trade in endangered species within the Community

EP: Doc. No.: 581AP0579

Title: Resolution embodying the opinion of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a regulation on the implementation in the Community of the convention on international trade in endangered species of wild fauna and flora

Pub. Ref.: Official Journal No. C 327, 14.12.81, P 0105

Rapporteur: Muntingh

Abstract: The EP requested the Commission to adopt a number of amendments: the regulation should mention Article 235 of the EEC Treaty as part of its legal basis, and the Member States should be able to introduce more stringent protective measures than those provided for in the regulation; such measures would then be listed in a separate Annex C. A number of products should be added to Annex B, and it should be made clear that Annex B did not contain an exhaustive list of parts or derivatives.

Other amendments concerned the possibility of observers taking part in the work of the committee on the convention and the setting up of an advisory scientific committee.

The EP also called on the Commission to draw up further proposals for legislation to protect indigenous endangered species, to examine whether the Community could contribute to the conservation of tropical rain forests, to formulate more detailed provisions for the implementation of the regulation in the overseas territories and to support initiatives aimed at the definition of positive lists.

The EP requested the Member States that had expressed reservations on the appendices of the convention to withdraw these reservations.

The COM stressed that it was very cautious about encouraging stricter national legislation because the secondary effects of such legislation normally ran counter to other Community objectives. The Commission accepted the proposal that Article 235 of the EEC Treaty should also serve as a legal basis for the regulation.

COUNCIL Regulation No. 3626/82 of 3 December 1982 (OJ NO. L 384) and
COMMISSION Regulation No. 1452/84 of 25 May 1984 (OJ No. L 140)

EP: Doc. No.: 583AP0925

Title: Resolution embodying the opinion of the European Parliament, in accordance with the procedure without report, on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a regulation amending Regulation (EEC) No. 3626/82 on the implementation in the Community of the convention on international trade in endangered species of wild flora and fauna

Pub. Ref.: Official Journal No. C 322, 28.11.83, P 0279

Rapporteur: ~

COUNCIL Regulation No. 3645/82 of 28 November 1983 (OJ No. L 367)

7.2.1.1 Monk seal

EP: Doc. No.: 583IP1401

Title: Protection of the monk seal

Pub. Ref: Official Journal No. C 77, 19.3.84, P 0012

Rapporteur: Muntingh

Abstract: The EP urged the Commission to examine what steps it could take to ensure the continued existence of the monk seal, to organize an international conference on the monk seal in the near future and to work in close collaboration with private nature conservation organizations. Parliament appealed to the Greek Government to take positive action and set an example as the last sizeable monk seal colonies were to be found in Greece.

7.2.2 Import controls

7.2.2.1 Baby seals

EP: Doc. No.: 582AP0831

Title: Resolution closing the procedure for consultation of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a regulation on rules for a prohibition to import skins of certain seal pups and products derived therefrom into the Community

Pub. Ref: Official Journal No. C 334, 20.12.82, P 0135

Rapporteur: Collins

Abstract: The EP added a new recital advising the COM to take all action within its competence to reduce the level of exploitation of harp and hooded seals. An addition to the annex extended the prohibition to include dyed fur and leather with hair removed; the term 'pups' was defined as meaning animals up to the age of approximately 1 year.

The EP urged the Council to adopt the proposal in time to allow the regulation to come into effect before 1 March 1983. Parliament recalled its resolutions of 11.3 and 16.9.82, and urged the COM to take action to secure the listing of seals in the convention on international trade in endangered species; the COM was asked to ensure that the topics discussed with Canada under the EEC-Canada framework agreement would include possibilities of alternative employment for those affected by the regulation.

The COM (Giolitti) said that in extremely difficult negotiations Canada and Norway had warned the Commission against taking unilateral measures which could harm relations between the Community and these two countries.

The Commission asked Parliament to adopt the proposal without any changes. It would make strenuous efforts to seek protection for monkshead seals in the Mediterranean and other threatened species of seal.

The Council Directive no. 83/129/EEC of 28.3.1983 (OJ No. L 91/30 of 9.4.83) relating to imports into the Member States of the skins of certain young seals and goods made from this adopts the Commission proposal in an amended form. This directive applies from 1 October 1983 to 1 October 1985 unless the Council decides otherwise by a qualified majority acting on a Commission proposal on the basis of a report which is to be submitted by 1 September 1983. This ban does not apply to products from animals hunted in the traditional manner by the Inuit (Greenland Eskimos) who do not hunt the young seals.

On 23.8.83 the COM submitted this report (COM (83) 463). It has not drawn up a new proposal but will reconsider the matter in September 1985.

EP: Doc. No.: 582AP0582
Title: Resolution on the Commission's failure to implement Parliament's resolution of 11 March 1982 (Baby Seals)
Pub. Ref.: Official Journal No. C 267, 11.10.82, P 0047
Rapporteur: Johnson
Abstract: The EP deplored the fact that the COM had not yet proposed the draft regulations it had requested and asked it to submit them before the next part-session. It reminded the COM and the Council that the regulations should also cover seal stocks in the Community's coastal waters.

The COM (Haferkamp) confirmed its intention of taking measures to implement this resolution before the beginning of the seal pup hunting season in 1983.

For follow up measures see the above.

7.2.2.2 Seal skin

EP: Doc. No.: 581IP0984
Title: Resolution on Community trade in seal products and in particular in products deriving from the whitecoat pups of harp and hooded seals (*pagophilus groenlandicus* and *cystophora cristata*)
Pub. Ref.: Official Journal No. C 087, 5.4.82, P 0087

Rapporteur: Maij-Weggen

Abstract: The EP requested the COM to introduce by means of a regulation, a ban on imports of all skins and products coming from seals whose stocks were endangered, in particular young hooded and harp seals. The COM should press the Canadian authorities to implement measures for ensuring more humane methods of hunting. The COM was also requested to propose legislation on the marking of seal products and to take initiatives to bring about the inclusion in Annex II of the Washington Convention of all earless seals which do not appear in Annex I. The COM should also propose the inclusion of all species of seal in Annex C of the regulation implementing the Washington Convention, so as to ensure the surveillance of imports and exports.

The COM should devise special measures for the monk seal and consult with the Greek Government in particular.

The Governments of Algeria and Morocco were called upon to protect the monk seal, and the Governments of Greece, Turkey, Italy and Yugoslavia were asked to implement existing protective legislation.

The COM should ensure that all protective measures on endangered species of seal take into account the interests of indigenous populations, in particular in the Arctic regions, by permitting, where necessary, limited and controlled hunting and trade.

For follow-up measures see the above.

7.2.2.3 Whale products

EP: Doc. No.: 580AP0451

Title: Resolution embodying the opinion of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a regulation on common rules for imports of whale products

Pub. Ref.: Official Journal No. C 291, 10.11.80, P 0049

Rapporteur: Muntingh

Abstract: The EP welcomed the Commission's proposal to limit imports of whale products, but put forward amendments aimed at extending the regulation to cover all products derived from whales and bringing forward the deadline for the introduction of an import permit for such products.

The COM amended its proposal by increasing its list of products for which an import licence is necessary which would not be granted for commercial purposes and included among other things skins and hides treated with refined sperm oil.

Council Regulation (EEC) No. 348/81 of 20.1.81 (OJ No. L 39) adopts the Commission proposal with certain amendments concerning the appointment of a committee, the procedure for adopting implementing provisions and an obligation on the Commission to draw up a report on the appropriateness of extending the list of products in the annex.

EP: Doc. No.: 582IP0882

Title: Resolution on the Community response to the failure of certain members of the International Whaling Commission to abide by the decision of the IWC to end commercial whaling

Pub. Ref.: Official Journal No. C 334, 20.12.82, P 0087

Rapporteur: Sherlock

Abstract: The EP called on the environment ministers meeting in Brussels on 3 December 1982 to request the COM to pursue measures designed to encourage Japan, Norway, the Soviet Union, Chile and Peru to comply with IWC decisions.

In reply to Written Question No. 1363/82, the COM (Narjes) said on 19.1.83 (OJ No. 47/7 of 17.2.83) that on 3.12.82 the Council had adopted Regulation (EEC) No. 3626/82 on applying the Washington Convention in the Community as of 1 January 1984 (OJ No. L 384 of 31.12.82).

7.2.2.4__Ivory

EP: Doc. No.: 583IP1486

Title: Import of ivory into the Community

Pub. Ref: Official Journal No. C 104, 16.4.84, P 0142

Rapporteur: Johnson

Abstract: The EP called on the Commission to encourage those African countries which had not ratified the Convention on international trade in endangered species of wild fauna and flora (CITES) to do so as soon as possible and to prohibit the import into, or the transit through, the Community of any ivory coming from a country which was not a party to CITES.

The COM (Natali) made a brief statement pointing out that the CITES Convention has been applied throughout the Community since 1 January 1984.

No import licences are being granted for ivory unless it can be proved that such imports do not threaten survival of the species of animal concerned.

In June 1984 the African countries which are party to the CITES Convention will take part in a seminar in Brussels on the application of the Convention which is partly being financed by the Commission. The Commission will also do all it can within and outside the framework of the Washington Convention to protect African elephants.

7.3-----Animal experiments

EP: Doc. No.: 584IP0213

Title: The limiting of animal experiments and the protection of laboratory animals

Pub. Ref.: Official Journal No. C 172, 2.7.84, P 0164

Rapporteur: Schleicher

Abstract: The EP called for a ban on animal experiments if the same results could be achieved by other methods, if the experiments were unlikely to provide any new insights, if the experiments were carried out to save labour, time or costs, if the experiments involved animals threatened with extinction, and if the experiments involved serious injury to non-anaesthetised animals.

Parliament also called for a restriction and reduction of animal experiments to the absolute minimum necessary by creating a central data bank for animal experiments at Community level, the mutual recognition of the findings from animal experiments, a review of certain tests and the application of alternative and supplementary methods.

Part 2 : Public Health

G.1-----Health, general

EP: Doc. No.: 583IP0167

Title: Resolution on public health policy in the European Community and on the Commission's failure to act on the European Parliament resolution on the social and economic integration of the disabled

Pub. Ref.: Official Journal No. C 128, 16.5.83, P 0086

Rapporteur: Collins and Glinne

Abstract: The EP called on the Council: to inform Parliament whether a meeting of the ministers for health was due to be held in the near future; to express its resolve to develop and implement a health policy; to make known the priorities of the German Presidency with regard to public health; to increase the COM staff responsible for health and safety; to act on behalf of the Community's 13-20 million disabled people.

The COM (Dalsager) had carried out a certain amount of preparatory work during the past years, but since it had not been given a clear assurance that a further council meeting would be held, the work had not led to the submission of specific proposals. The COM's services were now engaged in drawing up such proposals for submission to the health ministers. Although the Treaty of Rome did not contain a specific legal basis for a common health policy, it was important not to disregard public health interests. The measures to assist the handicapped had been severely restricted by the cutbacks in appropriations for Items 6341 and 6470; work was in hand, but would now have to proceed more slowly. Many of the measures sought were national prerogatives and would probably remain so for a long time to come, which explained why the COM and the Council found it difficult to make the efforts called for by so many Members of Parliament.

The Council (Chory) pointed out that since the last Health Council on 17.11.78 the COM had not submitted any texts which justified a further meeting during the current presidency, taking account the work of the Council of Europe and the WHO. The German Government had contacted the COM in the second half of 1982 with a view to preparing a further Health Council during the German Presidency, but the preparatory work had not advanced far enough to provide a sufficient basis for a meeting. The German Government would support any efforts by subsequent Presidencies to convene a new Health Council.

G.1.1-----Medical and health research

EP: Doc. No.: 582AP0423

Title: Resolution closing the procedure for consultation of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a decision adopting a sectoral research and development programme of the European Economic

Community in the field of medical and public health
research - concerted action (1982 to 1986)

Pub. Ref.: Official Journal No. C 238, 13.9.82, P 0110

Rapporteur: Pruvot

Abstract: The EP approved the proposal subject to a number of amendments: the opinion of CREST would not be sought on transfers; an interim report was to be drawn up at the beginning of the third year, prior to the re-examination of the programme during that year; the summary report was to be made public. Increased cooperation on research had to be directed at goals which could only be successfully achieved by means of coordinated measures.

The COM (Ortoli) said it accepted the amendments concerning an interim report and publication but not the amendment relating to CREST. It said that cooperation with this committee was of tremendous importance for coordination and it wished this cooperation to be strengthened.

Council Decision No. 82/616/EEC of 17.8.82 (OJ No. L 248/12 of 24.8.82) adopts the amended Commission proposal subject to certain amendments. In particular the amount required is reduced from 20 to 13.3m ECU and staff from 10 to 9.

G.1.1.1 Accession of Greece

EP: Doc. No.: 581AP0035

Title: Resolution embodying the opinion of the European Parliament, in accordance with the procedure without report, on the proposal for a decision adapting, as a result of the accession of Greece, Decision No. 80/344/EEC adopting a second research programme in the field of medical and public health research, consisting of four multiannual concerted projects

Pub. Ref.: Official Journal No. C 144, 15.6.81, P 0036

Rapporteur: -

Council Decision No. 81/574/EEC of 20.7.81 (OJ No. L 209) adopts the Commission proposal.

G.1.1.2 Registration of congenital abnormalities

EP: Doc. No.: 580AP0513

Title: Resolution embodying the opinion of the European Parliament, in accordance with the procedure without report, on the proposal from the Commission to the

Council for a decision amending Decision No. 78/167/EEC adopting a concerted project of the European Economic Community in the field of registration of congenital abnormalities (medical and public health research)

Pub. Ref.: Official Journal No. C 346, 31.12.80, P 95

Rapporteur: -

Council Decision No. 81/21/EEC of 20.1.81 (OJ No. L 43) implements the Commission proposal.

G.1.1.3 Radiation protection programme

EP: Doc. No.: 579AP0552

Title: Resolution embodying the opinion of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a decision adopting a five-year research and training programme (1980 to 1984) of the European Atomic Energy Community in the field of biology - health protection (radiation protection scheme)

Pub. Ref.: Official Journal No. C 034, 11.2.80, P 102

Rapporteur: Ghergo

Abstract: The EP approved the Commission's proposal, but called for amendments under which the Commission would continuously monitor the implementation of the five-year programme, would report to the EP after three years, and, at the end of the programme, would ensure the use of, and publicity for, the scientific findings achieved.

The COM (Davignon) accepted the amendments and on 30.1.80 the amended proposal was submitted in which Article 3 had been amended but not Article 4 (COM (80) 28).

Council Decision No. 80/342/EURATOM of 18.3.80 (OJ No. L 78 and Corrigendum in OJ No. L 89) adopts the Commission proposal with certain changes as regards expenditure; Parliament's amendment to Article 3 was adopted in a different form.

G.2 Measures at European level

G.2.1 European plan for assistance in the event of disasters

EP: Doc. No.: 583IP1349

Title: Solidarity between the Member States in the event of large-scale disasters and the establishment of a European disaster relief programme

Pub. Ref.: Official Journal No. C 77, 19.3.84, P 111

Rapporteur: Bombard

Abstract: The EP called on the Commission to submit proposals for the coordination of aid between Member States in the event of disasters, encourage an active policy of cooperation between Member States and promote the standardization of materials and equipment used by the Member States.

G.2.2-----European health card

EP: Doc. No.: 580IP0960

Title: Resolution on a European health card

Pub. Ref.: Official Journal No. C 287, 9.11.81, P 32

Rapporteur: Hooper

Abstract: The EP recommended that as a first step towards the introduction of a generalized European health card, a health card should be introduced for individuals who suffer from serious diseases and therefore require swift and appropriate medical attention.
It called on the COM to report to the Council by 31.12.81 on its investigation of the conditions for, and the value and cost of the introduction of such health cards.
The Council should reach an agreement of principle by 31.12.81 on the introduction of a European health card and instruct the COM to draw up practical proposals for implementation.

The COM said that it intended to submit to the Council the question of introducing a health card for persons particularly at risk. This identity card would be produced on a voluntary basis and only be accessible to doctors.

G.2.3-----European charter of patients' rights

EP: Doc. No.: 583IP0970

Title: European charter of patients' rights

Pub. Ref.: Official Journal No. C 46, 20.2.84, P 104

Rapporteur: Pruvot

Abstract: The EP invited the Commission to submit as soon as possible a proposal for a European Charter on the Rights of Patients, taking into account the provisions relating to health that had been adopted by the Council.

The COM (Richard) agreed with the objectives of a charter on patients' rights. Richard said that the Commission would shortly produce a report on patients' rights, medical research and protection of public health. Towards the end of 1984 there would be a report on ethical matters relating to preventive medicine. The Commission would draw up a discussion document on the basis of Parliament's resolution which would be followed in due course by a communication to the Council.

G.2.4 Organ transplants

EP: Doc. No.: 5831P0094

Title: Resolution on organ transplants

Pub. Ref.: Official Journal No. C 128, 16.5.83, P 90

Rapporteur: Del Duca

Abstract: The EP called on the COM, in the light of the study being carried out by the Council of Europe, to draw up within one year rules designed to improve cooperation and coordination between European organ banks.

The COM (Dalsager) said that it was willing to consider the rules on organ transplants, to report in the course of 1984 and possibly make practical proposals.

G.3 Safety and health protection at work

G.3.1 Second Community action programme

EP: Doc. No.: 583AP1082

Title: Council resolution on a second programme of action of the European Communities on safety and health at work

Pub. Ref.: Official Journal No. C 46, 20.2.84, P 126

Rapporteur: Scrivener

Abstract: The EP adopted eight committee amendments to the Commission's proposal. Inter alia, the Commission was to be asked to report to Parliament every two years on action accomplished in conformity with the resolution.

Parliament welcomed the proposal on a second programme of action, but considered that the objectives needed to be more precisely defined. The Commission was invited to prepare a survey on safety and health as a basis for establishing more accurately what priorities the Community should adopt.

Commissioner Ortoli said that the COM accepted Parliament's amendments with the exception of the amendments under which the Commission would have to report every two years to Parliament because the advisory committee on safety, hygiene and health protection dealt with all these matters in detail and reported each year. He noted Parliament's demand for a survey to be carried out of this area.

COUNCIL Resolution of 27 February 1984 (OJ No. C 67 of 8.3.84, P 2)

G.3.2 _____ Asbestos

EP: Doc. No.: 581AP0916

Title: Resolution embodying the opinion of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a second directive on the protection of workers from the risks related to exposure to agents at work: asbestos

Pub. Ref.: Official Journal No. C 125, 17.5.82, P 155

Rapporteur: Scrivener

Abstract: The EP welcomed the COM proposal but called for the use of asbestos to be reduced further and of substitutes to be increased. Measurement techniques should be defined to enable results to be compared.

It urged the COM to consider the risks run by smokers, to promote research on other toxic substances and to set up a European cancer register.

To put the problem in perspective the COM pointed out that asbestosis only accounts for a tenth of all silicosis cases making a complete ban on asbestos less urgent. The Commission was however, willing only to make exceptions for pipes with a diameter of at least 800mm and only to extend the deadlines if there were no substitute substance. The directive simply continues measures which have already been taken and aims to develop Community instruments to protect workers.

COUNCIL Directive No. 83/477/EEC of 19 September 1983 (OJ No. L 263)

G.3.3 _____ Metallic lead

EP: Doc. No.: 580AP0858

Title: Resolution embodying the opinion of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a directive on the protection of workers from harmful exposure to metallic lead and its ionic compounds at work

Pub. Ref.: Official Journal No. C 101, 4.5.81, P 16

Rapporteur: Newton Dunn

Abstract: The EP welcomed the Commission's proposal, but regarded the limit values proposed as only a first step towards the equal and fullest possible protection of men and women. It called on the Commission to draw up further provisions for the protection of workers from other harmful substances. The EP further requested the Commission to incorporate a number of amendments designed to tighten up controls and give workers the right to request additional tests. The limit values

for workers of child-bearing capacity who are exposed to the risk of lead absorption should be extended after the expiry if a certain time limit to all workers. The EP also called for a stricter obligation to provide information and for the extension and improvement of safety precautions for workplaces and workers coming into contact with lead. The Commission was also asked to report every two years to the Council and the EP on the implementation of the directive.

The COM agreed to submit a revised proposal incorporating most of the amendments proposed by Parliament and taking account of the EP's concern that workers should receive equal treatment. The Commission declined to adopt the amendment proposed to Article 8 (a) which related limit values to an individual worker or a specific workplace; nor was it in favour of the amendment concerning Article 9 (4) since the point in question had already been covered in the framework directive. It was also opposed to the amendments to Article 13 (1), Article 15 (7) and Article 16 (1), in the last case because the proposed text was too vague. The Commission rejected the amendment proposed to Article 19 (1) on the grounds that there was already an advisory committee for the action programme on safety and health at place of work which included representatives of both employers and employees.

COUNCIL Directive No. 82/605/EEC of 28 July 1982 (OJ No. L 247)

G.3.4 Chemical, physical and biological agents at work

EP: Doc. No.: 579AP0641

Title: Resolution embodying the opinion of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a directive on the protection of workers from harmful exposure to chemical, physical and biological agents at work

Pub. Ref.: Official Journal No. C. 059, 10.3.80, P 0073

Rapporteur: Sherlock

Abstract: The EP approved the Commission's proposal subject to 4 amendments tending to tighten its provisions.

The COM submitted an amended proposal on Article 4.

COUNCIL Directive No. 80/1107/EEC of 27 November 1980 (OJ NO. L 327)

Council Directive No. 82/605/EEC of 28 July 1982 (OJ no. L 247) as the first individual directive on the Article 8 of Directive No. 80/1107/EEC.

G.3.5-----Serious accidents in certain industrial activities

EP: Doc. No.: 580AP0220

Title: Resolution embodying the opinion of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a directive on the major accident hazards of certain industrial activities

Pub. Ref.: Official Journal No. C 175, 14.7.80, P 49

Rapporteur: Roudy

Abstract: The EP welcomed the proposal and put forward a number of amendments aimed at strengthening the text.

The COM (Natali) accepted some amendments, in particular those relating to accidents with transfrontier effects but objected to all amendments which might delay adoption of the directive; at the next meeting the Commission announced that an amended proposal would be submitted in September 1980.

COUNCIL Directive No. 82/501/EEC of 24 June 1982 (OJ No. L 230)

G.3.6-----Microwaves

EP: Doc. No.: 580AP0838

Title: Resolution embodying the opinion of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a directive laying down basic standards for the health protection of workers and the general public against the dangers of microwave radiation

Pub. Ref.: Official Journal No. C 172, 13.7.81, P 0134

Rapporteur: Ghergo

Abstract: The EP approved the Commission's proposal but felt that, if necessary, the proposed limits should be revised within two years. It called on the Commission to submit a report on the progress made in implementing the directives within this period and if possible to propose a specific multi-annual research programme in this sector, and recommended the Commission to examine at an early date the problems relating in particular to health protection against radio waves and laser beams.

The COM said that it would follow closely further developments in scientific and technical findings with a view to possibly reviewing the maximum permitted exposure values established and would, if necessary, change the exposure limits. It also intended to draw up further proposals for directives to protect the population against the risks from other non-ionizing forms of radiation such as ultra violet, laser and infra red.

The proposal is before the Council.

G.3.7-----Ionizing radiation

EP: Doc. No.: 583AP1112

 Title: Directive amending Directive No. 80/836/EURATOM
 as regards the basic safety standards for the health
 protection of the general public and workers against
 the dangers of ionizing radiation

 Pub. Ref.: Official Journal No. C 127, 14.5.84, P 120

 Rapporteur: -

 Abstract: The EP endorsed the Commission proposal.

G.3.8-----Navigational aids

EP: Doc. No.: 582AP0417

 Title: Resolution closing the procedure for consultation of
 the European Parliament on the proposal from the
 Commission of the European Communities to the Council
 for a draft decision adopting a concerted action
 project for the European Economic Community in the
 field of shore-based maritime navigation aid systems

 Pub. Ref.: Official Journal No. C. 238, 13.9.82, P 0113

 Rapporteur: Remilly

 Abstract: The EP approved the proposal with minor amendments:
 the figure referred to in Article 3 was to be for
 guidance only; the provisions on planned research
 work in Article 5 were to be deleted; representatives
 of workers, maritime organizations and port authorities
 were to be attached as observers to the Committee
 mentioned in Annex II. The EP requested the COM
 to ensure that objective criteria were used in
 allocating research work among the Member States and
 to keep a close watch on future developments. It
 noted with regret that the COM had withdrawn its
 proposal for the enforcement of international
 standards in Community ports.

The COM submitted a new slightly amended draft on 9.9.82.

Council Decision (82/887/EEC) of 13.12.82 (OJ No. L 378/32 of 31.12.82)
adopts the initial Commission draft with minor amendments.

G.3.9 European Foundation for the Improvement of Living
and Working Conditions

EP: Doc. No.: 583IP0760

Title: The European Foundation for the Improvement of
Living and Working Conditions

Pub. Ref.: Official Journal No. C 10, 16.1.84, P 295

Rapporteur: Eisma

Abstract: The EP noted that the Foundation was not operating
in conformity with the guidelines set out in the
regulation establishing it. It proposed that the
Administrative Board be reconstituted to consist of
23 members and one observer from each of the EP's
Committees on the Environment, Social Affairs
and Energy. It recommended that the Foundation's
appropriations be divided into separate allocations
concerned with living conditions and working conditions
and that none of these monies should be used for
projects which were not in the respective headings.
It requested the COM to report on the possibilities
of transferring all activities relating to working
conditions to CEDEFOP; to submit short-term proposals
taking account of the wishes of the EP and to draw
up a proposal clearly defining the tasks and the
consequent new structures of the Dublin Foundation and
the Berlin centre.

The COM (Burke) said that the Administrative Board of the Foundation, acting
on a Commission proposal, had decided to allocate 40% of the research
budget for 1984 to living conditions and 60% to working conditions. This
gradual transition to more emphasis on working conditions could probably
continue without any need for a clear distinction to be made between living
and working conditions. The COM did not accept most points of the resolution
but would seek to ensure via its representatives in the Administrative Board
that a procedure was introduced to enable the appropriate committees of the
European Parliament to make their views known when the work programme was
being drawn up.

G.4 Protection for medical examinations

G.4.1 Radiation protection

EP: Doc. No.: 582AP0042

Title: Resolution embodying the opinion of the European
Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of
the European Communities to the Council for a
directive laying down basis measures for the radiation
protection of persons undergoing medical examinations
or treatment

Pub. Ref.: Official Journal No. C 149, 14.6.82, P 0105

Rapporteur: Weber

Abstract: The EP approved the proposal with a number of amendments. There were to be stricter requirements for technical knowledge on the part of doctors and other staff, who would be obliged to update their knowledge of new means of radiation protection at regular intervals. The provisions on radiological examinations were to be tightened and those on data concerning patients' previous examinations extended (the informal information system). The rules governing surveillance of radiological equipment would be reinforced.

The EP called on the COM to consider whether permission to operate radiological apparatus could be linked to evidence of appropriate training. It supported the request for central establishments with qualified staff.

The COM (Richard) welcomed the positive concrete proposals from the EP.

By letter of 16.7.82 (LET/82/1018) the COM informed the Council that it was amending its proposal on the basis of Parliament's resolution.

G.4.2 Dialysis patients

EP: Doc. No.: 583AP0617

Title: Directive relating to the protection of dialysis patients by minimizing the exposure to aluminium

Pub. Ref.: Official Journal No. C 172, 2.7.84, P 89

Rapporteur: Ceravolo

Abstract: The EP welcomed the fact that the Commission had submitted a proposal for a directive that dealt in an articulate and comprehensive manner with renal dialysis methods and all the sources of aluminium concentration, with a view to harmonizing measures throughout the Community in order to guarantee the quality of the water also from this point of view. Recent clinical and epidemiological studies had established that the cause of a very serious neurological syndrome affecting patients on dialysis lay in the high level of aluminium concentration in the brain tissue of these patients; where encephalopathy had assumed epidemic proportions, very high concentrations of aluminium had been found in the water supplies and thus in the dialysis fluids.

G.5-----Nuclear safety

EP: Doc. No.: 583AP1491

Title: The Community's role as regards the safety of nuclear installations and the protection of public health - Transfrontier radiological problems

Pub. Ref.: Official Journal No. C 117, 30.4.84, P 189

Rapporteur: Lentz-Cornette

Abstract: The EP noted with satisfaction the Commission's initiative in assessing the impact of Community action in the field of nuclear safety with a view to optimizing such action. It expected the Commission to place more emphasis on matters relating to the health protection of the general public and workers against the risks incurred in particular as a result of the increasing number of nuclear plants.

Parliament also welcomed the Commission's initiative in examining trans-frontier radiological problems at Community level. It requested the Commission to be a party to the conclusion of agreements between the Member States concerned on plans for trans-frontier intervention in emergency cases, and to the conclusion of such agreements between the Member States and neighbouring third countries.

G.6-----Medicaments

G.6.1-----Colours

EP: Doc. No.: 579AP0389

Title: Resolution embodying the opinion of the European Parliament, in accordance with the procedure without report, on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a directive amending Council Directive No. 78/25/EEC on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to the colouring matters which may be added to medicinal products

Pub. Ref.: Official Journal No. C 004, 7.1.80, P 46

COUNCIL Directive No. 81/464/EEC of 24 June 1981 (OJ No. L 189)

G.7 _____ Recognition of diplomas in the pharmaceutical field *

EP: Doc. No.: 583AP0485

Title: I. Directive concerning the coordination of provisions laid down by law, regulation or administrative action in respect of certain activities in the field of pharmacy

II. Directive concerning the mutual recognition of diplomas, certificates and other evidence of formal qualifications in pharmacy, including measures to facilitate the effective exercise of the right of establishment relating to certain activities in the field of pharmacy

Council decision setting up an Advisory Committee on Pharmaceutical Training

Pub. Ref.: Official Journal No. C 277, 17.10.83, P 160

Rapporteur: Malangré

Abstract: The EP added a proviso to Article 1 of proposal I referring to the provisions of Article 2 of proposal II. A new recital was added to proposal II stating that the recognition of diplomas could not entail complete freedom of establishment. A provision was inserted in Article 2 whereby the recognition of diplomas would not confer the right to open new pharmacies or to operate pharmacies which had been open to the public for less than two years. The draft decision was approved without amendment.

The EP requested the COM to monitor the situation and to submit further proposals in due course to permit unrestricted freedom of establishment in all Member States.

The COM (Narjes) accepted the amendment to Article 2 of proposal II and said it would submit a duly amended proposal. It thanked the speakers for their agreement to any extension of the two year period and undertook to consider this matter thoroughly.

Council Decision to set up an Advisory Committee on Pharmaceutical Training

* The Committee on the Environment was not the committee responsible for this opinion but it is included here because of its importance to health policy.

G.8 Veterinary questions

G.8.1 Veterinary Committee

EP: Doc. No.: 581AP0225

Title: Resolution embodying the opinion of the European Parliament, in accordance with the procedure without report, on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for:

- I. a directive amending Directives 64/432/EEC, 64/433/EEC, 71/118/EEC, 72/461/EEC, 72/462/EEC, 77/96/EEC, 77/99/EEC, 77/391/EEC, 80/215/EEC, 80/217/EEC and 80/1095/EEC as regards the procedures of the Standing Veterinary Committee
- II. a decision amending Decisions 73/88/EEC, 77/97/EEC, 79/509/EEC, 79/510/EEC, 80/877/EEC, 80/1096/EEC and 80/1097/EEC as regards the procedures of the Standing Veterinary Committee

Pub. Ref.: Official Journal No. C 172, 13.7.81, P 107

Rapporteur: -

Council Directive (81/476/EEC) of 24.6.81 (OJ No. L 186) adopts proposal I from the Commission but not the Article 2 proposed which sought to prevent the Council being able to reject Commission decisions by a simple majority. There is also provision for the Council to review the procedure of the Standing Veterinary Committee before 1.7.87. The Council Decision (81/477/EEC) of 24.6.81 (OJ No. L 186) adopts proposal II from the Commission with certain amendments. It provides for a review of the procedure of the Standing Veterinary Committee by 1.7.87 and does not accept the proposal which would prevent the Council rejecting Commission decisions by a simple majority.

G.8.2 Epizootic disease legislation problems in connection
with the semen of domestic bovine animals and domestic swine

EP: Doc. No.: 583AP0853

Title: Resolution embodying the opinion of the European Parliament, in accordance with the procedure without report, on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a directive on animal health problems affecting intra-community trade and imports from third countries of semen of domestic animals of the bovine and porcine species

Pub. Ref.: Official Journal No. C 342, 19.12.83, P 117

Rapporteur: -

G.9-----Individual resolutions

G.9.1-----Drugs

EP: Doc. No.: 5791P0752

Title: Resolution on the fight against drug abuse

Pub. Ref.: Official Journal No. C 085, 8.4.80, P 15

Rapporteur: Squarcialupi

Abstract: The EP asked the Council and Commission to promote cooperation between Member States to combat the traffic in drugs; to present, in cooperation with the Council of Europe and the Pompidou Group, practical proposals to the EP; to promote relevant scientific research, and to conduct an information campaign against drug-taking by the young.

Mr Vredeling said that the COM supported Parliament's resolution wholeheartedly. He suggests that the subject should come within the terms of reference of the Communities.

EP: Doc. No.: 581IP1079

Title: Resolution on the combating of drugs

Pub. Ref.: Official Journal No. C 149, 14.6.82, P 120

Rapporteur: Scrivener

Abstract: The EP called on the COM to supplement its statistics with information from services such as anti-drugs centres, casualty departments and local associations; it should have appropriate financial resources to enable it to collect this information. The COM was also called upon to coordinate the Member States' work in this field and to promote the exchange of information between the Member States and international organizations. It should study the results of programmes to promote the diversification or substitution of crops from which drugs are manufactured and examine how it could make a useful contribution to the work of the 'Pompidou' Group. The EP instructed its delegations for relations with the United States Congress, the Latin American Parliament, the ASEAN Interparliamentary Organization and the MAGHREB and MASHREK countries to examine this question at interparliamentary level.

Parliament urged the governments of the Member States to ratify (a) the 1972 Protocol amending the 1961 UN Convention on Drugs and (b) the 1971 Vienna Convention on Psychotropic Substances, and to do their utmost to ensure the rapid implementation of Article 15 of the Protocol and Article 20 of the Convention. They should

also increase their contributions to the UN fund for drug abuse control.

The EP requested the Council (of Health Ministers) to put the drugs problem on its next agenda.

The COM (Richard) argued that although the Treaties made no specific provision for action in this field, it fell within the Member States' essential objective of improvement of living conditions. Such action should involve the development of prevention through health education and the exchange of information and experience; research should be promoted and a long-term programme planned. The proposal for a research and development programme in the field of medical and public health research, now pending before the Council, provided an opportunity for concerted action in the broad field of substance of use, including drugs, tobacco and alcohol.

Following Parliament's resolution of 10 March 1980, the COM had launched a pilot study on multiple drug abuse. Other studies were under way into the motivation for adopting a behaviour harmful to health.

EP: Doc. No.: 584IP0313
Title: Drug taking by children
Pub. Ref.: Official Journal No. C 172, 2.7.84, P 130
Rapporteur: Pearce
Abstract: The EP was deeply concerned about the recent rapid spread of drug taking in particular of heroin among children in the Community and requested the Commission and Council of Ministers to strengthen forcefully diplomatic contacts with the countries where opium is produced in order to prevail on them to stop the production and export of this drug.

G.9.2-----Smoking

EP: Doc. No.: 581IP1053
Title: Resolution on the campaign against smoking
Pub. Ref.: Official Journal No. C 087, 5.4.82, P 118
Rapporteur: Del Duca
Abstract: The EP called on the COM to prepare a comparative study of the Member States' legislation on smoking, to draw up a list of the measures taken in the campaign against smoking, particularly as regards prevention amongst young people, and to determine whether the different laws and procedures covering the advertizing and sale of tobacco products created unfair competition in violation of the principles of the EEC Treaty.

The COM was also called upon to carry out research into the production of tobacco with a low nicotine and tar content in the context of the CAP and to introduce as a matter of urgency Community initiatives aimed at reducing smoking, with particular emphasis on the prohibition of smoking in schools.

The EP asked that the requests made by the Council of Health Ministers in 1978 be fulfilled as soon as possible and advocated a ban on smoking in public places not provided with adequate ventilation.

The COM explained that it had recently submitted its report on the measures taken by the Member States in the campaign against smoking and that the report also listed the legal provisions on smoking in the Member States.

Two other studies on the development of smoking in the Member States between 1960 and 1980 and the effectiveness of campaigns and other health education measures had already been concluded. The COM recommended that, on the basis of these reports, the committee responsible should discuss the question of the tar and nicotine content, numbers of smokers and the effects on health with the Commission's experts. The COM also emphasized that there should be further analysis of the studies already undertaken, eg. as regards the relationship between the various risk factors, family and socio-economic circumstances, level of education, social situation and the special problems of certain groups, eg. young people and women. In spite of the weak legal basis provided by the EEC Treaty, the COM would endeavour to continue its work in the field of public health education.

G.9.3-----Alcoholism

EP: Doc. No.: 581IP1012

Title: Resolution on the problems of alcoholism in the countries of the Community

Pub. Ref.: Official Journal No. C 087, 5.4.82, P 120

Rapporteur: Squarcialupi

Abstract: The EP wished the COM to publish comparable statistics on the consumption and abuse of alcohol and called upon it to encourage studies on the reasons for alcoholism, to coordinate the activities of the Member States in this area, and to take action in the area of health education with regard to alcoholic drinks and spirits in collaboration with international organizations.

It considered that approval of the directive against unfair advertizing could not be delayed and that the control of advertizing should not be left solely to the voluntary restraint codes of producers.

The EP called for checks on the level of alcohol in the blood of motor vehicle drivers to be harmonized

in all the countries of the Community, for a uniform maximum level to be established, and for a maximum permissible level of alcohol in the blood for certain categories of workers engaged in dangerous activities.

The EP also requested the Member States to allocate a proportion of the high revenue from trade in alcoholic drinks to combatting alcoholism and its repercussions.

The COM pointed out that the subject of alcohol abuse was intentionally excluded from the Council of Health Ministers in 1978. In view of the possible damage to health caused by the combination of various drugs, the COM had nonetheless undertaken some work in this area. It would be publishing in the course of the year a report on the medical and social dangers of alcoholism and comparative studies of alcohol consumption and alcohol-related illnesses. A study of the main reasons leading to alcohol abuse was under way and the multi-annual programme for medical research, currently before the Council, provided for research into the aspects of alcohol abuse. It was also preparing a pilot study of the general drug situation in the Member States which provided a list of all the institutions involved in the campaign against alcoholism. The COM had also taken part, within the Council of Europe, in the preparation of a report on the measures to protect young people against the risks of alcohol abuse, which would shortly be submitted to the committee of ministers at the Council of Europe. It would forward the recommendation concerning the harmonization of maximum permissible alcohol levels for drivers to the transport ministers. The Commission also proposed to consider the health policy measures which could be introduced in the area of drug abuse as a whole, particularly with regard to the exchange of information, consultation and the promotion of research.

G.9.4 Genetic engineering (recombining deoxyribonucleic acid, DNA)

EP: Doc. No.: 581AP0810

Title: Resolution embodying the opinion of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a draft recommendation concerning the registration of work involving recombinant deoxyribonucleic acid (DNA)

Pub. Ref.: Official Journal No. C 066, 15.3.82, P 112

Rapporteur: Ceravolo

Abstract: The EP approved the Commission's proposal.

Council Recommendation No. 82/472/EEC of 30.6.82 (OJ No. L 213) adopts the Commission proposal but provides in addition that notification of work involved in recombinant DNA can be made up to twelve months after it begins if the appropriate authorities so decide for work falling into the category of minimal potential risk.

Part 3: Consumer Protection

V.1 Consumer protection, general

V.1.1 Action programme

EP: Doc. No.: 580AP0450

Title: Resolution embodying the opinion of the European Parliament on the communication from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council concerning an action programme of the European Community with regard to consumers

Pub. Ref.: Official Journal No. C 291, 10.11.80, P 0039

Rapporteur: O'Connell

Abstract: The EP approved the broad objectives of the draft consumer action programme, but requested the Commission to amend it in a number of respects in line with Parliament's observations.

The COM said it would give priority to those areas where Community action would be of most benefit to consumers. It believed that the idea of voluntary agreement at Community level could be put into practice; it favoured giving consumers useful information on prices to the widest extent possible but did not yet feel able to propose measures to reduce or restrict consumption of tobacco, alcohol and other drugs.

Council Resolution of 19 May 1981 on a second programme of the EEC for a consumer protection and information policy (OJ No. C 133 of 3.6.81, P 1).

V.1.2 Consumer policy in the Community

EP: Doc. No.: 583IP0166

Title: Resolution on consumer policy in the European Community

Pub. Ref.: Official Journal No. C 128, 16.5.83, P 0086

Rapporteur: Krouwel-Vlam

Abstract: The EP requested the Council: to inform Parliament in writing about the progress of work relating to all proposals now before the Council concerning consumer protection; to meet before the end of the German Presidency in order to take the necessary decisions on consumer policy. It urged the COM: to tackle with renewed vigour the implementation of the first and second action programmes; to submit the proposal on substances with hormonal action as soon as possible.

The COM (Narjes) said that they had expanded the internal market package to include three decisions on consumer protection which the Commission felt were particularly important: proposals relating to product liability, doorstep selling and misleading advertising.

The Council (Chory) said that the Presidency was not planning any special meeting of members responsible for consumer protection. The major differences in legislation between the Member States created considerable difficulties and it was impossible to foresee when the proposals concerned could be adopted. As concerned monitoring hormonal substances, the Council was waiting for a new proposal from the Commission relating to five other hormonal substances. As regards misleading advertising, at its meeting of 28/29 June 1984 the Council had decided to approximate the legislative and other administrative provisions of the Member States.

EP: Doc. No.: 583IP1156

 Title: The special Council meeting devoted to consumer protection

 Pub. Ref.: Official Journal No. C 10, 16.1.84, P 0074

 Rapporteur: Collins

 Abstract: The EP called on the Council finally to adopt the directive on misleading advertising. It called on the Greek Presidency to underline to the French Presidency the necessity to come to a decision on this directive.

The COM (Richard) took the view that there was now the chance of a solution with the directive only referring to misleading advertising while illegal advertising would be dealt with in a separate proposal.

(See above for the follow up as regards misleading advertising).

EP: Doc. No.: 583IP1186

 Title: Consumer policy in the European Community

 Pub. Ref.: Official Journal No. C 10, 16.1.84, P 0075

 Rapporteur: Schleicher

 Abstract: The EP called on the Council immediately to adopt the long-standing proposals for directives on product liability, advertising, door-to-door sales, consumer credit and information systems. It called on the COM to inform the EP of the measures it had taken or planned in this field.

The COM (Richard) expects the proposal concerning the calculation of annual interest rates in credit agreements to be finally dealt with at the beginning of next year. The 'Consumer Council' of 12.12 had considered the proposals on product liability, advertising and door-to-door selling but not adopted any; this work would continue in 1984. They intended to submit to the Council in 1984 a draft decision on consumer education in schools. He said that data for price comparisons were only collected in capital cities and most recently in 1980. The COM had so far taken no action to enable price comparisons to be made at regional level.

V.1.3 Exchange of information on dangers related to the use
----- of consumer durables -----

EP: Doc. No.: 582AP0207

Title: Resolution embodying the opinion of the European
 Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of
 the European Communities to the Council for a
 decision introducing a Community system for the
 rapid exchange of information on dangers arising
 from the use of consumer products

Pub. Ref.: Official Journal No. C 182, 19.7.82, P 0118

Rapporteur: Seibel-Emmerling

Abstract: Parliament adopted a number of amendments, with a view
 to more comprehensive protection for the consumer,
 but also giving the manufacturer and the trade the
 opportunity to put their views. A new Article 4a
 instructs the Commission to submit proposals to the
 Council for the setting-up of a system for taking
 hazardous products and services off the market.

 The COM was urged to ensure that the decision was not
 wrongly used to serve protectionist ends and to make
 its findings on the hazards of products manufactured
 in and/or exported from the Community available to
 the third countries concerned.

The COM (Narjes) accepted the amendments apart from the new Article 4a.
The aim of the proposal was simply to identify dangerous products; all
other measures were a matter for the Member States. It had not been ruled
out that third countries might be included in the legislation on information
at a later date.

The COM forwarded an amended proposal (COM (82) 837) to the Council on
20.12.82.

COUNCIL Resolution No. 84/133/EEC of 2 March 1984 (OJ No. L 70)

V.2 Foodstuffs

V.2.1 Quality and nutritional value

EP: Doc. No.: 584AP0108

Title: Decision adopting a concerted action research project
 on the effects of processing and distribution on the
 quality and nutritive value of food

Pub. Ref.: Official Journal No. C 127, 14.5.84, P 121

Rapporteur: Seibel-Emmerling

Abstract: Parliament approved the proposal but criticised once again that a programme had been submitted so late that there was not enough time for consideration. Parliament expects all food technology research programmes of the Community and those in which it participates to take account of the following criteria: greatest possible avoidance of residues, rational use of energy, retention of vitamins and nutritional value, preference for natural products. Parliament also wishes the consumer organizations to be represented on the scientific advisory committees for the project.

COUNCIL Decision No. 84/304/EEC of 24 May 1984 (OJ No. L 151 of 7.6.84, P 46)

V.2.2 ___ Labelling

EP: Doc. No.: 582AP1207

Title: Resolution embodying the opinion of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a directive on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to claims made in the labelling, presentation and advertising of foodstuffs for sale to the ultimate consumer

Pub. Ref.: Official Journal No. C 096, 11.4.83, P 0094

Rapporteur: Schleicher

Abstract: The EP rejected the proposal. It recommended the COM to hold the proposal in abeyance until the directives on labelling and on misleading advertising had been implemented. It requested the COM to consider then whether it would not be more expedient to submit a directive on labelling for all consumer goods, rather than one relating only to the food sector.

The COM (Narjes) drew attention to the fact that the proposal strictly followed the recommendation of the 'Codex alimentarius' a sub-organization of FAO. It believed that the proposal was adequately justified and necessary with a view to drawing up common rules for labelling foodstuffs. It therefore adhered to its proposal.

On 7.4.83 the COM confirmed that it would not withdraw its proposal but would take steps to ensure its compatibility with the draft directive on misleading and unfair advertising which is under scrutiny by the Council.

EP: Doc. No.: 583AP1488

Title: Amendment of Directive 79/112/EEC relating to the labelling, presentation and advertising of foodstuffs

Pub. Ref.: Official Journal No. C 104, 16.4.84, P 0139

Rapporteur: Provan

Abstract: The EP approved the proposal for a directive as amended by the Committee on the Environment and the Committee on Agriculture. Parliament was not convinced that an indication of alcoholic strength on the label was an essential piece of information for the consumer in the case of alcoholic beverages covered by this directive but supported the Commission's proposals in this respect in order that there be no discrimination between these beverages and those for which specific regulations had already been proposed.

V.2.3 Making-up by volume

EP: Doc. No.: 583AP0476

Title: Resolution closing the procedure for consultation of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a directive on containers of liquids for human consumption

Pub. Ref.: Official Journal No. C 242, 12.9.83, P 0092

Rapporteur: Hooper

Abstract: The EP regretted that the COM's proposal: failed to provide sufficient justification for taking such measures; was unclear and badly drafted; seemed likely to encourage the creation of non-tariff barriers; failed to take into account recent technical innovations. It called on the COM to replace its proposal with a recommendation, the text of which was set out in paragraph 3. The COM should make use of the 'Green Paper' procedure in the preparation of proposals of such a far-reaching nature, affecting a multiplicity of interests.

The COM (Narjes) said that it would accept no restrictions on free movement of goods. Changing the directive to a recommendation would seriously weaken environmental policy. Nor was it willing to accept that vinegar, oil and milk drinks should be removed from the list of liquid foodstuffs covered by this legislation. As requested by Parliament, the Commission would in future adopt the 'Green Paper' procedure for such difficult questions.

The COM amended its original proposal (COM (83) 638) (OJ No. C 312 of 17.11.83, P 9).

EP: Doc. No.: 583AP1485

Title: Amendment of Directive 75/100/EEC on the making up by volume of certain prepackaged liquids

Pub. Ref.: Official Journal No. C 104, 16.4.84, P 0141

Rapporteur: Hooper

Abstract: The EP approved the proposal for a directive as amended by the Committee on the Environment to the effect that the provisions of this directive should be no impediment to national laws governing, on environmental grounds, the use of packaging with regard to its recycling.

On behalf of the COM, Mr Natali rejected this amendment.

V.2.4-----Cellulose films

EP: Doc. No.: 582AP0110

Title: Resolution embodying the opinion of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a directive on the approximation of the laws of Member States relating to materials and articles made of regenerated cellulose film intended to come into contact with foodstuffs

Pub. Ref.: Official Journal No. C 149, 14.6.82, P 0107

Rapporteur: Ghergo

Abstract: The EP approved the proposal, commenting that the percentage levels of the various substances authorized for use in these materials should be revised from time to time, with a view to making national legislation uniform and comparable. Attention was also drawn to the need for greater coordination between the various advisory and research institutions.

The COM (Burke) Said that a final decision was likely soon. The COM would continue its efforts for greater harmonization of legislation in this difficult area.

COUNCIL Directive No. 83/229/EEC of 25 April 1983 (OJ No. L 123).

V.2.5 Effects of treatment on the physical properties of foodstuffs ----- (COST project 90 (a)) -----

EP: Doc. No.: 581AP1074

Title: Resolution embodying the opinion of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of

the European Communities to the Council for a decision adopting a concerted action project of the European Economic Community on the effect of processing on the physical properties of foodstuffs (COST Project 90 (a))

Pub. Ref.: Official Journal No. C 125, 17.5.82, P 0169

Rapporteur: Provan

Abstract: The EP approved the proposal but called on the COM to urge the Member States to investigate the consequences of the radioactive treatment of foodstuffs and incorporate the work accomplished under COST 90 when expanding the project.

The COM said that it would forward to the European Parliament as soon as possible a brief report from the conciliation committee on the outcome of the COST 90 project. It pointed out that the text of its proposal would be reformulated to make it clearer and include Parliament's amendments.

Council Decision No. 82/839/EEC of 22.11.82 (OJ No. L 353 of 15.12.82, P 25) adopts the Commission proposal with minor changes. In Article 3, however, the stipulation as regards the indicative nature of the cost proposals was not adopted.

V.2.6 Additives

V.2.6.1 Colours

EP: Doc. No.: 579AP0834

Title: Resolution embodying the opinion of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a directive amending for the seventh time the directive of 23 October 1962 on the approximation of the rules of the Member States concerning colouring matters authorized for use in foodstuffs intended for human consumption

Pub. Ref.: Official Journal No. C 147, 16.6.80, P 0124

Rapporteur: Maij-Weggen

Abstract: In its amendment the EP proposed that the use of brilliant blue in foodstuffs should not be authorized; it requested the Commission to take allergenic properties and technical and economic arguments into account as well when submitting proposals and asked that product labels specify the colouring matters used.

The COM (Gioletti) did not accept Parliament's amendments but agreed to regular scrutiny of all uses of additional substances.

COUNCIL Directive No. 81/20/EEC of 20 January 1981 (OJ No. L 43)

V.2.6.2 Preservatives

EP: Doc. No.: 580AP0335

Title: Resolution embodying the opinion of the European Parliament, in accordance with the procedure without report, on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a directive amending for the fifteenth time Directive 64/54/EEC on the approximation of the laws of the Member States concerning the preservatives for use in foodstuffs intended for human consumption

Pub. Ref.: Official Journal No. C 327, 15.12.80, P 0065

Rapporteur: -

Council Directive No. 81/214/EEC of 16.3.81 (OJ No. L 101) implements the Commission proposal.

EP: Doc. No.: 581AP0910

Title: Resolution embodying the opinion of the European Parliament, in accordance with the procedure without report, on the proposal from the Commission to the Council for a directive amending for the seventeenth time Directive 64/54/EEC on the approximation of the laws of the Member States concerning the preservatives for use in foodstuffs intended for human consumption

Pub. Ref.: Official Journal No. C 125, 17.5.82, P 0147

Rapporteur: -

COUNCIL Directive No. 83/585/EEC of 25 November 1983 (OJ No. L335)

V.2.6.3 Flavours

EP: Doc. No.: 581AP0643

Title: Resolution embodying the opinion of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a directive on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to flavourings for use in foodstuffs and to source materials for their production

Pub. Ref: Official Journal No. C 066, 15.3.82, P 0116

Rapporteur: Ghergo

Abstract: Parliament approved the Commission proposal but with a number of amendments to introduce a system combining lists of permitted and banned substances according to the source materials of the flavourings. Within two years of enacting the directive, the Commission should submit proposals for the individual directives and regulations planned and at the same time inform the Parliament on the progress achieved in implementing the directive.

Other amendments related to regulations on physical processes for producing natural flavouring preparations and natural flavouring substances, consultation of Parliament on the inclusion of new materials in the lists and the obligation on the Commission to submit within two years regulations on the labelling of products containing flavourings intended for human consumption.

The European Parliament also called on the Commission to restrict experiments on live animals to demonstrate the safety of flavourings to the absolute minimum necessary.

The COM argued in favour of lists of permitted substances rather than prohibited substances, which according to them are unsatisfactory from the point of view of health. As it takes several years to produce lists of permitted substances, the Commission would not rule out that transitional provisions might be justified in the meantime which would take the form of banned substances. The COM was also surprised at the procedure advocated by Parliament for including new substances in the lists as Parliament had hitherto supported the transferral of powers to the COM. As far as labelling was concerned, the COM took the view that the directive on the labelling of foodstuffs should be changed rather than this text.

The proposal is before the Council.

On 2.4.82 the COM submitted an amended proposal (COM (82) 166) which incorporates the amendment to Article 5 (2) concerning the determination of physical procedures used to produce natural flavouring preparations and natural flavouring substances.

V.2.6.4 Emulsifiers, stabilizers, etc.

EP: Doc. No.: 579AP0551

Title: Resolution embodying the opinion of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a directive amending for the second time Directive 74/329/EEC on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to emulsifiers, stabilizers, thickeners and gelling agents for use in foodstuffs

Pub. Ref: Official Journal No. C 004, 7.1.80, P 0065
Rapporteur: Remilly

Abstract: The EP regretted the proposal for further temporary authorization of certain substances pending results of toxicological tests and called for certain amendments relating to the deletion of karaya gum from the list of such substances.

Mr Burke said that in view of the restricted use made of ghatti gum and the fact that the Scientific Food Committee had recommended that this should be allowed to expire and not be banned immediately, the COM considers its proposal reasonable. He noted in relation to karaya gum that the Commission saw no point in banning immediately the sale of foods containing this substance. The COM felt unable to accept the amendments.

COUNCIL Directive No. 80/597/EEC of 29 May 1980 (OJ No. L 155)

V.2.6.5__Anti-oxidants

EP: Doc. No.: 580AP0358

Title: Resolution embodying the opinion of the European Parliament, in accordance with the procedure without report, on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a directive amending for the third time Directive 70/357/EEC on the approximation of the laws of the Member States concerning the antioxidants authorized for use in foodstuffs intended for human consumption.

Pub. Ref.: Official Journal No. C 327, 15.12.80, P 0065

Rapporteur: -

COUNCIL Directive no. 81/962/EEC of 24 November 1981 (OJ No. L 354)

V.2.7____Individual_products

V.2.7.1__Meat

EP: Doc. No.: 579AP0260

Title: Resolution embodying the opinion of the European Parliament, in accordance with the procedure without report, on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a directive amending Directive 72/461/EEC on health problems affecting intra-community trade in fresh meat

Pub. Ref.: Official Journal No. C 289, 19.11.79, P 0042

Rapporteur: -

COUNCIL Directive No. 80/213/EEC of 22 January 1980 (OJ No. L 47 of 21.2.80, P 1)

EP: Doc. No.: 579AP0263

Title: Resolution embodying the opinion of the European Parliament, in accordance with the procedure without report, on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a directive amending Directive 77/99/EEC on health problems affecting intra-community trade in meat products

Pub. Ref.: Official Journal No. C 289, 19.11.79, P 0042

Rapporteur: -

COUNCIL Directive No. 80/214/EEC of 22 January 1980 (OJ No. L 47 of 21.12.80, P 3)

EP: Doc. No.: 580AP0036

Title: Resolution embodying the opinion of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a regulation on health problems affecting intra-community trade in fresh meat and fresh poultry meat which has been minced, ground or similarly chopped with or without the addition of other foodstuffs, additives and condiments

Pub. Ref.: Official Journal No. C 147, 16.6.80, P 0127

Rapporteur: Combé

Abstract: The EP considered the proposal to be superfluous and called upon the Commission to withdraw it.

The COM wished to maintain its proposal on the grounds that its adoption would eliminate obstacles to intra-community trade.

EP: Doc. No.: 582AP0049

Title: Resolution embodying the opinion of the European Parliament on the proposals from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council on fresh meat

Pub. Ref.: Official Journal No. C 267, 11.10.82, P 0059

Rapporteur: Krouwel-Vlam

Abstract: On 23.4.82 the EP approved the Commission's proposals for seven directives, the proposal for Directive No. VII unchanged and the others with various amendments aimed at clarifying the text, guaranteeing better consumer protection, increasing the supervisory powers of environmental health officers and qualified veterinary inspectors, making the Member States bear the costs of veterinary control, and instructing the COM to inform the EP of the implementing provisions blocked by the Council.

In its resolution, the EP called on the Commission to: submit as soon as possible a proposal establishing fixed criteria for micro-biological control and standardized procedures for taking samples and conducting analyses; to ensure that exporting countries notify any cases of the diseases listed in Annex A; to report on implementation of the respective directive one year after their entry into force and on the harmonization still required or considered in the veterinary and health fields; to submit a proposal for a directive on cost allocation within six months.

The COM (Richard) announced that it was withdrawing its proposals; it would incorporate various amendments in its new proposals and take account as far as possible of Parliament's wishes.

On 21.10.82 the Commission submitted amendments to three proposals for directives: the proposal for a directive on health problems affecting intra-community trade in fresh meat (COM (81) 503), the proposal for a directive on health problems relating to residues of antibiotics (COM (81) 581) and the proposal for a directive amending Council Directive No. 72/462/EEC on health and veterinary inspection problems upon importation of bovine animals and swine and fresh meat from third countries (COM (81) 496); some of the amendments proposed by the EP particularly those to the first proposal were adopted.

Council Directive (82/894/EEC) of 21.12.82 (OJ No. L 378 of 31.12.82, P 58) on the notification of animal diseases within the Community (COM (81) 497) enacts the Commission's proposal. The time available to the Council to consider Commission proposals on measures to be taken is extended from 15 days to 3 months. The amendment proposed by the EP, to the effect that it should be informed of the measures taken by the Commission was not adopted.

Council Directive (83/91/EEC) of 7.2.83 (OJ No. L 59 of 5.3.83, P 34) enacts the Commission proposal (COM (81) 496) with a number of changes and the addition of amendment to Directive No. 77/96/EEC on the examination for trichinae.

As regards health matters relating to intra-community trade in fresh meats see Council Directive No. 83/90/EEC of 7.2.83 (OJ No. L 59).

V.2.7.2 Poultry meat

EP: Doc. No.: 579AP0619

Title: Resolution embodying the opinion of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a directive amending Directive 71/118/EEC on health problems affecting trade in fresh poultry meat

Pub. Ref.: Official Journal No. C 034, 11.2.80, P 0106

Rapporteur: Combé

Abstract: The EP approved the proposal, but stressed that the hygiene and inspection measures must be respected, and asked that a number of the terms used be more clearly defined.

Mr Gundelach agreed. The COM is to inform Parliament of the outcome of its studies in this field.

Council Directive No. 80/216/EEC of 22.1.80 (OJ No. L 47) adopts the Commission proposal with certain changes.

EP: Doc. No.: 581AP0098

Title: Resolution embodying the opinion of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a directive amending Directive 71/118/EEC on health problems affecting trade in fresh poultry meat

Pub. Ref.: Official Journal No. C 234, 14.9.81, P 0099

Rapporteur: Collins

Abstract: The EP approved the Commission proposal.

Council Directive No. 81/578/EEC of 21.7.81 (OJ No. L 209) only extends the period for the derogation provided for in Article 16 (a) section (a) of Directive No. 71/118/EEC until 15.8.82.

COUNCIL Directive No. 84/186/EEC of 26 March 1984 (OJ No. L 87).

EP: Doc. No.: 581AP0981

Title: Resolution embodying the opinion of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a directive amending Directive 71/118/EEC on health problems affecting trade in fresh poultry meat

Rapporteur: Combé

Abstract: The EP approved the COM's proposal with amendments aimed at removing any deadline for the prohibition of the production of drawn poultry meat, making the costs of health controls the responsibility of the public authorities, including environmental health officers and meat inspectors among the persons involved with controls and assuring implementation of the directive by 15.8.82.

The EP also called for the production, slaughter and marketing of drawn poultry meat to take place on the same terms as for eviscerated poultry.

The COM said that this would not prevent all trade in drawn poultry meat and that there would still be the possibility of local trade. The Commission believed on health grounds that drawn poultry meat should not be marketed under the same conditions as eviscerated poultry meat. As regards the costs of inspection, the COM sees no reason to depart from the practice in most Member States of passing this on to the consumption price.

Moreover the COM fears that the proposed addition to inspectors would create problems as regards the duties and functions of environmental officers; it wishes to see the response to its proposal to this effect from the Council and Parliament. Nor was there any precise definition of the term meat inspector.

On 19.4.82, the COM said that it was maintaining its proposal.

COUNCIL Directive No. 84/186/EEC (see above) and 84/335/EEC of 19 June 1984 (OJ No. 177)

V.2.7.3 Foie gras

EP: Doc. No.: 582IP0686

Title: Resolution on goose-cramming to produce foie gras

Pub. Ref.: Official Journal No. C 068, 14.3.83, P 0016

Rapporteur: Pruvot

Abstract: The EP deemed that Community harmonization in this sector was unnecessary. It called on the COM to support research already under way into the genetics, reproduction and feeding of geese and ducks.

The COM (Richard) drew attention to the report by the Council of Europe in 1974 and said that it saw no reason to intervene with bans or proposals for harmonization.

V.2.7.4 Milk

EP: Doc. No.: 582AP0029

Title: Resolution embodying the opinion of the European Parliament, in accordance with the procedure without report, on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a directive amending for the second time Directive 76/118/EEC on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to certain partly or wholly dehydrated preserved milk for human consumption

Pub. Ref.: Official Journal No. C 149, 14.6.82, P 0116

Rapporteur: -

COUNCIL Directive No. 83/635/EEC of 13 December 1983 (OJ No. L 357)

V.2.7.5 Cocoa and chocolate products

EP: Doc. No.: 579AP0618

Title: Resolution embodying the opinion of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a directive amending for the seventh time Directive 73/241/EEC on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to cocoa and chocolate products intended for human consumption

Pub. Ref.: Official Journal No. C 034, 11.2.80, P 0104

Rapporteur: Combé

Abstract: The EP approved the proposal, but asked that polyglycerol polyricinoleate and sorbitan tristearate be authorized to a limited extent, unless their unsuitability was established.

The COM (Davignon) said that the Commission saw no reason to approve these additives until the studies were complete. On 11.2.80 the Commission promised to submit an amended proposal within a week. This was submitted on 25.3.80 (COM (80) 111 - OJ No. C 89).

The Council Directive No. 80/608/EEC of 30.6.80 (OJ Nos. L 170 and 174) adopts the Commission proposal but without Parliament's amendments.

V.2.7.6 Fruit juices and similar products

EP: Doc. No.: 580AP0144

Title: Resolution embodying the opinion of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a directive amending for the second time Directive 75/726/EEC on the laws of the Member States concerning fruit juices and certain similar products

Pub. Ref.: Official Journal No. C 175, 14.7.80, P 0087

Rapporteur: Johnson

Abstract: The EP approved the Commission proposal.

(Without debate)

COUNCIL Directive No. 81/487/EEC of 30 June 1981 (OJ No. L 189)

V.2.8 Metrological units

EP: Doc. No.: 583AP0467

Title: Resolution embodying the opinion of the European Parliament, in accordance with the procedure without report, on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a directive amending Directive 80/181/EEC on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to units of measurement

Pub. Ref.: Official Journal No. C 242, 12.9.83, P 0101

Rapporteur: -

V.3 Trade with third countries

V.3.1 Export of certain dangerous substances

EP: Doc. No.: 583AP0458

Title: The export of various dangerous substances and preparations and the desirability of increasing the protection of workers and consumers in the importing countries and of the European consumer of exotic foodstuffs

Pub. Ref.: Official Journal No. C 307, 14.11.83, P 109

Rapporteur: Squarcialupi

Abstract: The EP called on the COM to amend Directives 78/631/EEC and 79/117/EEC by adding provisions governing the protection of users and consumers in pesticide-importing third countries and to ensure that development programmes also included assistance with the establishment of pesticide registration and control procedures in developing countries, studies concerning integrated pest control, methods of protecting pesticide users in tropical countries, and cooperation with international organizations and manufacturers as regards the training of instructors and the preparation of information on pesticides.

The COM (Narjes) adhered to its principle that importing countries should themselves be responsible for determining the provisions relating to the trade and use of these substances. They would however, supply the importing countries with every kind of information and provide all the technical assistance available so that these countries had a firm foundation for their own decisions. Apart from this they accepted the resolution. They would concentrate all their efforts on international cooperation where a series of steps was shortly to be taken (eg. FAO code of conduct for the distribution and use of pesticides).

V.3.2-----Import of products

EP: Doc. No.: 581IP0571

Title: Resolution on the danger of importing harmful products into the Community for human consumption

Pub. Ref.: Official Journal No. C 287, 9.11.81, P 95

Rapporteur: Scrivener

Abstract: The COM was requested to investigate the situation and inform the EP of any accidents which had occurred in the Community. The EP also stressed the need to devise a system allowing prompt withdrawal from the market of products which are dangerous to health.

The COM said that its investigations concerned the statement of the Spanish authorities that the dangerous cooking oil had not been exported to the Community. The Commission would consider a proposal for a special procedure to remove dangerous products from the market quickly.

EP: Doc. No.: 583IP0091

Title: Resolution on the protection of the European consumer against imports into the Community of products declared unfit for consumption by US legislation

Pub. Ref.: Official Journal No. C 128, 16.5.83, P 72

Rapporteur: Squarcialupi

Abstract: The EP urged the COM: to request the US Government to speed up the current negotiations on application of the toxic substances control act to products originating in the USA and of Community legislation to products originating in Community countries; to submit a proposal amending Directive 76/769/EEC so that the annexes could be quickly modified by the technical adaptation committee.

The COM (Narjes) said that it had drawn the attention of the American Government some time ago to the need for an international harmonization of controls on chemical substances. As long ago as 1976 the COM had proposed a quicker procedure for adjusting to technological progress but had not been able to overcome resistance in the Council. It had instructed its officials to draw up an amended proposal in accordance with Parliament's wishes.

4. Medical examinations of persons employed in the ----- food industry -----

4.1 Poultry meat production

EP: Doc. No.: 579AP0722

Title: Resolution embodying the opinion of the European Parliament, in accordance with the procedure without report, on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a directive amending Directive 71/118/EEC as regards medical examination of personnel engaged in the production of poultry meat

Pub. Ref.: Official Journal No. C 117, 12.5.80, P 0063

Rapporteur: -

COUNCIL Directive No. 84/186/EEC of 26 March 1984 (OJ No. L 87)

V.4.2 Meat production

EP: Doc. No.: 579AP0721

Title: Resolution embodying the opinion of the European Parliament, in accordance with the procedure without report, on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a directive amending Directive 77/99/EEC as regards medical examination of personnel engaged in the production of meat products

Pub. Ref: Official Journal No. C 117, 12.5.80, P 0063

COUNCIL Directive No. 83/201/EEC of 12 April 1983 (OJ No. L 334)

V.5-----Cosmetics

EP: Doc. No.: 580AP0145

Title: Resolution embodying the opinion of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a directive amending for the first time Directive 76/768/EEC of 27 July 1976 on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to cosmetic products

Pub. Ref.: Official Journal No. C 175, 14.7.80, P 0088

Rapporteur: Schleicher

Abstract: The EP proposed more realistic deadlines and a number of technical amendments to the directive.

The COM did not participate in the debate; at the following meeting it said that it had given its reasons why it wished to leave the proposal unchanged. See in this connection the answer from the Commission to Question No. 45 at question time on 15.9.80.

COUNCIL Directive No. 82/368/EEC of 17 May 1982 (OJ No. L 167)

EP: Doc. No.: 583AP0770

Title: Directive amending for the third time Directive 76/768/EEC on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to cosmetic products

Pub. Ref.: Official Journal No. C 307, 14.11.83, P 107

Rapporteur: Squarcialupi

Abstract: The EP added a new Article 6a on the procedure for consulting Parliament on amendments to the annexes of the directive made to take account of technical progress. The EP approved the principle of positive lists and regarded a list of substances permissible as sunscreening agents as particularly important. The annexes to the third amendment ought to be considered more thoroughly by experts in order to prevent confusion over maximum authorized concentrations. It requested the COM to submit a report on the effects of compulsory labelling, which had been introduced in 1978; to take initiatives to promote more thorough scientific research in cosmetics; and, as part of the consumer protection policy, to submit proposals for the provision of suitable information on the characteristics of cosmetic products and to encourage meetings between consumers and those involved in the cosmetics field with a view to better protection of the health, safety and economic interests of all concerned.

The COM (Richard) saw no reason why the amendments adopted should create particular problems. As regards labelling, the Commission intended to review again in its entirety Article 6 of the basic directive. The committee procedure was appropriate in this case because the directive was to be adjusted quickly with a view to protecting consumers as new products and additives came on the market. The COM attached considerable importance to safety and was closely following research in the cosmetics field in collaboration with the scientific committee for cosmeticology.

COUNCIL Directive No. 83/574/EEC of 26 October 1983 (OJ No. L 332)

V.6-----Tourism

V.6.1-----Safety of holidaymakers and other travellers

EP: Doc. No.: 583IP1149

 Title: Safety of holidaymakers and other travellers

 Pub. Ref.: Official Journal No. C 46, 20.2.84, P 140

 Rapporteur: Protopapadakis

 Abstract: The EP called on the Commission, inter alia, to draw up a Community Code setting out the basic principles governing the safety of travellers and holidaymakers. The Council and Commission were urged to bring about the gradual removal of border controls within the Community.

Commissioner Narjes conceded that no progress had been made over the last three years in eliminating borders. He hoped that the EP would return to these matters in April. Some while ago the COM had proposed to the Council a recommendation on fire safety in hotels. The COM was fully aware of the importance of the tourist industry.

V.7-----Animals

V.7.1-----Feeding

V.7.1.1-----Medicated feedingstuffs

EP: Doc. No.: 583AP0079

 Title: Resolution closing the procedure for consultation of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a directive on the manufacture, putting into circulation and supply of medicated feedingstuffs in the Community

 Pub. Ref.: Official Journal No. C 128, 16.5.83, P 0076

 Rapporteur: Squarcialupi

Abstract: The EP adopted a number of amendments aimed at rendering the wording more precise. The provisions concerning derogations were deleted (Article 4 (3) and Article 6). New paragraphs were added to Articles 5 and 15 requiring Member States to report annually to the COM on the measures adopted and the number of infringements recorded.

The EP called on the COM: to establish more precise rules concerning production conditions and quality standards; to take steps to reduce the number of medicinal products intended for animals and establish uniform monitoring rules and methods of analysis; to provide uniform rules on the duration of the validity of the veterinarian's prescription in Article 12 (4); to harmonize the provisions for the marketing and sale of medicated feedingstuffs. The Council was urged to take prompt decisions concerning hormonal and antibiotic residues in meat for human consumption.

The COM (Dalsager) accepted the drafting changes. He said that they wished to maintain Article 4 (3), (this provision was useful until there were uniform Community prescriptions) and Article 6. (It was reasonable that such pharmaceutical foodstuffs could be used as veterinary preparations).

The Commission would draw up pursuant to Article 149 (2) of the EEC Treaty an amended proposal for a directive which would take account of the amendments which it had accepted.

V.7.1.2 Establishment of microbiological standards for
-----feedingstuffs-----

EP: Doc. No.: 581AP0977

Title: Resolution embodying the opinion of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a decision on the general conditions to be followed for establishing microbiological criteria for foodstuffs and feedingstuffs, including the conditions for their preparation, in the veterinary, foodstuffs and natural nutrition sectors

Pub. Ref.: Official Journal No. C 125, 17.5.82, P 161

Rapporteur: Lentz-Cornette

Abstract: Parliament approved the Commission proposal.

The proposal is before the Council.

V.8-----Children

V.8.1-----Childproof closures

EP: Doc. No.: 583IP0795

 Title: Child resistant closures

 Pub. Ref.: Official Journal No. C 46, 20.2.84, P 114

 Rapporteur: Van Hemeldonck

 Abstract: The EP requested the Commission to amend as soon as possible existing directives on the classification, packaging and labelling of dangerous substances with a view to promoting the use of safety closures for those household products which had been the main cause of child poisoning.

V.8.2-----Toys

EP: Doc. No.: 582IP0288

 Title: Resolution on war toys

 Pub. Ref.: Official Journal No. C 267, 11.10.82, P 14

 Rapporteur: Pruvot

 Abstract: The EP urged toy manufacturers to offer a wider range of creative or constructive toys and called on the Member States to take steps to ban the visual and verbal advertising of war toys. It recommended that the Member States should define those war toys which represent a hazard to the physical well-being of children and ban the manufacture, and where possible, the sale of replica guns, rifles and so on which are so realistic that they may be used in the perpetration of crime. It called on the Commission to grant aid to undertakings to convert from the production of war toys to other types of toys.

The COM (Ortoli) had pointed out in the debate in July that the Treaties offered no scope to limit or ban the sale of war toys in the Community. The Commission had however formulated a proposal for a directive on toy safety which could play a part in improving consumer education (COM (80) 369).

