COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

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AMENDMENTS TO THE PROPOSED COUNCIL DIRECTIVES

- on the limit values applicable to discharges of mercury into the aquatic environment by the chlor-alkali electrolysis industry;
- on the quality objectives for the aquatic environment into which mercury is discharged by the chlor-alkali electrolysis industry;
- on the limit values for discharges of aldrin, dieldrin and endrin into the aquatic environment.

(presented by the Commission to the Council, pursuant to the second paragraph of article 149 of the EEC-treaty)

PROPOSAL FROM THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES TO THE COUNCIL concerning a Directive on the limit values applicable to discharges of mercury into the aquatic environment by the chlor-alkali electrolysis industry

Preamble and first three recitals unchanged

Fourth recital

ORIGINAL TEXT

Whereas, since the pollution caused by discharges of mercury into water arises principally from the electrolysis of alkali chlorides, in the first instance limit values should be established for this industry and its discharges made subject to prior authorization;

AMENDED TEXT

Whereas, since the pollution caused by discharges of mercury into water is caused, to a large extent, by the electrolysis of alkali chlorides, in the first instance limit values should be established for this industry and its discharges made subject to prior authorization;

Remainder of the recitals unchanged

Articles 1 to 3 unchanged

Article 4

ORIGINAL TEXT

The Member States shall draw up programmes for the gradual reduction and eventual elimination of pollution caused by indirect discharges into the waters referred to in Article 1(2). These programmes shall provide for an analysis of the consumption of mercury by industrial establishments and shall lay down intermediate objectives to be reached seven years after notification of this Directive.

AMENDED TEXT

deleted

Article 5 to 8 unchanged

Annexes unchanged

For complete text see OJ NO C 169 of 6 July 1979, page 2

PROPOSAL FROM THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES TO THE COUNCIL concerning a Directive on the quality objectives for the aquatic environment into which mercury is discharged by the chlor-alkali electrolysis industry

Preamble and first five recitals unchanged

Sixth recital

ORIGINAL TEXT

whereas, since the pollution caused by discharges of mercury into water arises principally from the electrolysis of alkali chlorides, quality objectives should, in the first instance, be laid down for the aquatic environment into which mercury is discharged by this industry and these discharges should require prior authorization;

AMENDED TEXT

Whereas, since the pollution caused by discharges of mercury into water is caused, to a large extent, by the electrolysis of alkali chlorides, quality objectives should, in the first instance, be laid down for the aquatic environment into which mercury is discharged by this industry and these discharges should require prior authorization;

Last three recitals unchanged
Articles 1 and 2 unchanged

<u>Article 3</u>

ORIGINAL TEXT

AMENDED TEXT

The Member States shall draw up programmes for the gradual reduction and eventual elimination of pollution caused by indirect discharges into the waters referred to in Article 1 (2).

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These programmes shall provide for an analysis of the consumption of mercury by industrial establishments and shall lay down intermediate objectives to be reached seven years after notification of this Directive.

Articles 4 to 7 unchanged

For complete text, see OJ NO C 169 of 6 September 1979, page 6.

Preamble, recitals and Articles 1 to 4 unchanged

Article 5

ORIGINAL TEXT

- 1. Member States shall bring into force the measures necessary to comply with this Directive within two years of its notification. They shall forthwith inform the Commission thereof.
- AMENDED TEXT
- 1. Member States shall bring into force the measures necessary to comply with this Directive by 1 January 1982. They shall forthwith inform the Commission thereof.
- 2. Member States shall communicate 2. unchanged to the Commission the text of the provisions of national law which they adopt in the field governed by this Directive.

Article 6 unchanged

Annexes unchanged

¹ For compléte text, see OJ Nº C 146 of 12 June 1979, page 5.