

COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

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ALTERATION

to the Proposal for a Council Directive
amending for the fifth time the Council Directive of
27 June 1967 concerning the approximation of the laws of the
Member States relating to the classification,
packaging and labelling of dangerous substances

(Presented by the Commission to the Council pursuant to the
second paragraph of Article 149 of the EEC Treaty)

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EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

Having regard to the Opinion (1) of the European Parliament and the discussions held in the Economic and Social Committee on the Proposal for a Council Directive (2) amending for the fifth time the Council Directive of 27 June 1967 concerning the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to the classification, packaging and labelling of dangerous substances, the Commission considers it proper to alter, under the second paragraph of Article 149 of the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community, its original Proposal.

The Commission agrees with the alteration proposed by the European Parliament making it obligatory to accompany dangerous substances by advice on their use. It is therefore necessary to alter Article 2.

However, for the reasons set out in its letter to the President of the European Parliament, the Commission did not feel able to accept the other alteration proposed by the Parliament.

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- (1) O.J. No. C 2, 9 January 1974, p. 59
(2) O.J. No. C 92, 31 October 1973, p.8.

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The Commission alters its proposal as follows:

Article 2

The following paragraph is added:

(2) Article 6 (3) is altered to read as follows:

"Advice on safety precautions relating to the use of dangerous substances shall be printed on the packaging of such substances or, where this is not possible, shall accompany the substances. The advice shall, in conformity with the references contained in the list in Annex I, be based on Annex IV to this Directive".