

**COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES**

1652Nd meeting of the Council

- Labour and Social Affairs -

Luxembourg, 6 April 1993

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**1653rd meeting**

**1.6.5. Labour and social affairs (Luxembourg, 6 April).**

**Previous meeting:** Bull. EC 12-1992, point 1.7.3

**President:** Ms Andersen, Danish Minister for Labour.

**Commission:** Mr Flynn.

*Main item*

**Protection of workers from risks related to exposure to biological agents at work: common position agreed (→ point 1.2.105).**

*Other business*

- Employment situation in the Community: discussed.**
- Social dialogue: discussed.**
- Organization of working time: exchange of views.**
- Establishment of European Works Councils: discussed in depth.**
- Health and safety aboard fishing vessels: progress report.**
- Protection of young people at work: examined.**



## **Health and safety at work**

**1.2.105.** Proposal for a Council Directive amending Directive 90/679/EEC on the protec-

tion of workers from risks related to exposure to biological agents at work.

**Directive to be amended:** Council Directive 90/679/EEC: OJ L 374, 31.12.1990; Bull. EC 11-1990, point 1.3.50

**Commission proposal:** OJ C 217, 24.8.1992; COM(92) 261; Bull. EC 7/8-1992, point 1.3.124

**Economic and Social Committee opinion:** OJ C 19, 25.1.1993; Bull. EC 11-1992, point 1.3.130

**Parliament opinion (first reading):** OJ C 72, 15.3.1993; Bull. EC 1/2-1993, point 1.2.143

**Amended Commission proposal:** OJ C 82, 23.3.1993; COM(93) 86; Bull. EC 3-1993, point 1.2.92

*Common position agreed by the Council on 6 April.* The proposal aims to establish, pursuant to Directive 90/679/EEC, a first list of biological agents (bacteria and similar organisms, viruses, parasites and fungi) classified according to their level of risk of infection, together with a code of practice on vaccination of workers exposed to biological agents for which effective vaccines exist.

**1.2.106.** Proposal for a Council Directive concerning the minimum safety and health requirements for transport activities and workplaces on means of transport.

**Commission proposal:** OJ C 25, 28.1.1993; COM(92) 234; Bull. EC 11-1992, point 1.3.129

*Endorsed by the Economic and Social Committee on 28 April.* The Committee nevertheless suggested that the Annexes be revised in terms of laying down specific standards for each mode of transport concerned.

