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REPORT

drawn up on behalf of the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Consumer Protection

on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (Doc. 1-380/81 - COM(81) 274 final) for a directive amending Directive 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, adhesives and similar products

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By letter of 6 July 1981 the President of the Council of the European Communities requested the European Parliament to deliver an opinion on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a directive amending Directive 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, adhesives and similar products.

On 7 July 1981 the President of the European Parliament referred this proposal to the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Consumer Protection.

On 22 September 1981 the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Consumer Protection appointed Mrs Krouwel-Vlam rapporteur.

It considered this proposal at its meeting of 1 April 1982 and unanimously approved the proposal and the draft report.

The following took part in the vote: Mr SHERLOCK (acting chairman), Mr ALBER, Ms HOOPER, Mrs LENTZ-CORNETTE, Mr MERTENS (deputizing for Mrs SCHLEICHER), Mr MUNTINGH and Mrs SPAAK.

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The Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Consumer Protection hereby submits to the European Parliament the following motion for a resolution together with explanatory statement:

MOTION FOR A 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 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, adhesives and similar products

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council¹;
 - having been consulted by the Council (Doc. 1-380/81);
 - having regard to the report of the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Consumer Protection (Doc. 1-107/82);
1. Approves the Commission's proposal.

¹ OJ No. C 156 of 25.6.1981, p. 8

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

1. This second proposal for the amendment of Directive 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, adhesives and similar products is intended to bring this basic directive into line with the most recent amendments to the directive adopted:

- on 18 September 1979, Directive 79/831/EEC¹ amending for the sixth time Directive 67/548/EEC on the approximation of the laws, regulations and administrative provisions relating to the classification, packaging and labelling of dangerous substances,
- and on 22 July 1980, Directive 80/781/EEC², amending Directive 73/173/EEC on the approximation of the laws, regulations and administrative provisions of the Member States relating to the classification, packaging and labelling of dangerous preparations (solvents).

2. The main aim is to clarify the classification of the toxic, harmful, corrosive and irritant substances and the concentrations thereof found in paints, varnishes, printing inks, adhesives and similar products. These substances which constitute health or safety hazards are included in the Directive of 5 October 1981 (81/916/EEC) adapting to technical progress Directive 77/728/EEC.

3. The Commission proposes that these amendments should enter into force by the date specified for amendment of the Directive on solvents (80/781/EEC).

4. The committee therefore considers that the simplified procedure pursuant to Rule 34 should be applied.

¹ OJ No. L 259 of 15.10.1979, page 10

² OJ No. L 229 of 30.8.1980, page 57