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COMMISSION

COMMISSION DIRECTIVE 93/21/EEC

of 27 April 1993

adapting to technical progress for the 18th time Council Directive 67/548/EEC on the approximation of the laws, regulations and administrative provisions relating to the classification, packaging and labelling of dangerous substances

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,

Having regard to Council Directive 67/548/EEC of 27 June 1967 on the approximation of laws, regulations and administrative provisions relating to the classification, packaging and labelling of dangerous substances ⁽¹⁾, as last amended by Commission Directive 92/69/EEC ⁽²⁾, and in particular Articles 28 and 29 thereof,

Whereas Council Directive 92/32/EEC ⁽³⁾ amends Directive 67/548/EEC as regards the provisions relating to the classification and labelling of dangerous substances;

Whereas Annex II to Directive 67/548/EEC contains the symbols and indications of danger; whereas it is necessary to introduce a new symbol for 'dangerous for the environment';

Whereas Annex III to Directive 67/548/EEC contains a list of phrases indicating the nature of the special risks attributed to dangerous substances; whereas it is necessary to introduce new phrases indicating danger to health for substances toxic to reproduction; whereas it is also necessary to introduce new combined risk phrases indicating the danger for the environment;

Whereas Annex IV to Directive 67/548/EEC contains a list of the phrases indicating the safety advice concerning dangerous substances; whereas it is necessary to revise certain safety advice phrases related to the dangers for the environment; whereas it is necessary to introduce certain

combined phrases relating to the use of dangerous substances and preparations;

Whereas Annex VI to Directive 67/548/EEC contains a guide to the classification and labelling of dangerous substances and preparations; whereas it is necessary to amend this guide to include changes resulting from Directive 92/32/EEC;

Whereas the provisions of this Directive are in accordance with the opinion of the Committee on the Adaptation to Technical Progress of the Directives for the Elimination of Technical Barriers to Trade in Dangerous Substances and Preparations,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DIRECTIVE:

Article 1

Directive 67/548/EEC is amended as follows:

1. Annex II is replaced by Annex I to this Directive;
2. Annex III is replaced by Annex II to this Directive;
3. Annex IV is replaced by Annex III to this Directive;
4. in Annex V, method B.2: Acute toxicity (inhalation), Section 1.6.2.4, (Limit test) is replaced by the following:

'1.6.2.4. Limit test

If an exposure of five male and five female test animals to 20 mg per litre of a gas or 5 mg per litre of an aerosol or a particulate for

⁽¹⁾ OJ No 196, 16. 8. 1967, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ OJ No L 383, 29. 12. 1992, p. 113.

⁽³⁾ OJ No L 154, 5. 6. 1992, p. 1.

four hours (or, where this is not possible due to the physical or chemical, including explosive, properties of the test substance, the maximum attainable concentration) produces no compound related mortality within 14 days further testing may not be considered necessary.';

5. Annex VI, Parts I and II are replaced by Annex IV to this Directive.

Article 2

1. Member States shall bring into force the laws, regulations and administrative provisions necessary to comply with this Directive by 1 July 1994, with the exception of those applicable to mobile gas cylinders containing butane, propane or liquid petroleum gas. Member States shall immediately inform the Commission thereof.

2. Member States shall bring into force the laws, regulations and administrative provisions necessary to comply with Annex IV, Chapter 8.1 of this Directive in so far as it

applies to mobile gas cylinders containing butane, propane or liquid petroleum gas, by 31 October 1997. Member States shall immediately inform the Commission thereof.

3. When Member States adopt the provisions referred to in paragraphs 1 and 2, these shall contain a reference to this Directive or shall be accompanied by such reference at the time of their official publication. The procedure for such reference shall be adopted by Member States.

Article 3

This Directive is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 27 April 1993.

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ANNEXES I, II, III and IV

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