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### **EU NEWS ON IMPLEMENTATION OF “ACQUIS COMMUNAUTAIRE”**

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New CLP Regulation on classification, labelling and packaging  
of dangerous substances and preparations

#### CLP-Regulation: News from co-decision

**On 3 September 2008 a large majority of the European Parliament supported the "compromise package" for a new Regulation on classification, labelling and packaging of substances and mixtures which seeks to align existing EU legislation to the United Nations Globally Harmonised System (GHS), see also the [Parliament website](#).**

Before the vote of the Parliament, the compromise package had been approved by the Permanent Representatives Committee (COREPER) on 27 June 2008. The large support in EP and Council was the result of a series of informal triologue meetings between representatives of the European Parliament, the Presidency and the European Commission in May and June 2008. To see the text of the compromise package, please consult the [Council website](#). Then enter in the field "document number" the number 11206/08 (recitals and articles) or 7388/08 (annexes). **Please note that the text is still subject to legal-linguistic revision.**

This new Regulation on classification, labelling and packaging ("CLP Regulation") will ensure that the same hazards will be described and labelled in the same way all around the world. By using internationally agreed classification criteria and labelling elements, it is expected to facilitate trade and to contribute towards global efforts to protect humans and the environment from hazardous effects of chemicals. The new act will complement the REACH Regulation on the registration, evaluation, authorisation and restriction of chemicals.

The CLP Regulation will, after a transitional period, replace the current rules on classification, labelling and packaging of substances (Directive 67/548/EEC) and mixtures (Directive 1999/45/EC). After entry into force, the deadline for substance classification according to the new rules will be 1 December 2010 and for mixtures 1 June 2015.

Together with the compromise package for the CLP Regulation, the EP voted with large majority on two related acts which aim to adapt further Community acts to the new rules on classification and labelling. These had been approved by COREPER on 23 July 2008. See also the [Parliament website](#).

The next step in the co-decision process will be the final adoption of the CLP Regulation and the two related acts in Council, which is currently scheduled for 18 November 2008. Publication of the adopted acts in the Official Journal is foreseen for late 2008, thereby making the EU one of the international forerunners in the actual uptake of the UN GHS.

## Commission proposal

The proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on classification, labelling and packaging of substances and mixtures, and amending Directive 67/548/EEC and Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 – legislative text as adopted on 27 June 2007 by the European Commission (COM(2007) 355 final) is available below in English. On [EUR-Lex](#), all 23 language versions can be found.

Volume I - EN  

Explanatory Memorandum and Enacting terms

Volume II - EN  

Annex I – Classification and Labelling Criteria of hazardous substances and mixtures

Volume III - EN  

Annex II – Special rules for labelling and packaging

Annex III – List of hazard statements

Annex IV – List of precautionary statements

Annex V – Pictograms

Annex VI – Harmonised list of hazardous substances

Annex VII – Conversion table for reclassification


Volume IIIa - EN  


Entries of Annex I to Council Directive 67/548/EEC, including the adaptations to the GHS criteria

Volume IIIb - EN  

Entries of Annex I to Council Directive 67/548/EEC

### Related Commission proposals

Proposal for a Decision of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Council Directives 76/768/EEC, 88/378/EEC, 1999/13/EC and Directives 2000/53/EC, 2002/96/EC and 2004/42/EC in order to adapt them to Regulation (EC) ... on classification, labelling and packaging of substances and mixtures (COM(2007)611 final of 16 October 2007 )

Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EC) No 648/2004 in order to adapt it to Regulation (EC) ... on classification, labelling and packaging of substances and mixtures (COM(2007)613 final of 17 October 2007 )

### Impact Assessment

The impact assessment made use of the impact assessment reports prepared by RPA and London Economics as well as the responses to the Internet Consultation. The responses from companies on costs led to further efforts to quantify significant cost items. Although the change from the existing to the future classification and labelling system will have significant one-off costs, these costs are expected to be justified by trade benefits in the longer term.

Commission Impact Assessment 

Commission Impact Assessment – Executive Summary 

Risk & Policy Analysts / London Economics:

Impact Assessment of Implementing the GHS – Study Summary (Risk & Policy Analysts / London Economics) 

Impact Assessment of Implementing the GHS – Work Package 1 (Risk & Policy Analysts / London Economics) 

Impact Assessment of Implementing the GHS – Work Package 2 (Risk & Policy Analysts / London Economics) 

### Further documents

Note on the optimal length of the transitional period (DG Enterprise / DG Environment) 

## Transport legislation

The Commission website on transport legislation can be found [here](#).

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