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(Acts whose publication is not obligatory)

COMMISSION

COMMISSION DIRECTIVE 92/69/EEC

of 31 July 1992

adapting to technical progress for the seventeenth time Council Directive 67/548/EEC on the approximation of 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 the laws, regulations and administrative provisions relating to the classification, packaging and labelling of dangerous substances (1), as last amended by Directive 92/32/EEC (2), and in particular Articles 28 and 29 thereof,

Whereas Article 3 (1) of Directive 67/548/EEC and Article 3 of Council Directive 88/379/EEC of 7 June 1988 on the approximation of the laws, regulations and administrative provisions relating to the classification, packaging and labelling of dangerous preparations (3), as last amended by Commission Directive 90/492/EEC (4), provide that the physico-chemical properties, toxicity and ecotoxicity of substances and preparations shall be determined according to the methods specified in Annex V of Directive 67/548/EEC;

Whereas the text of Annex V to Directive 67/548/EEC is currently published in two parts, these respectively being the Annex to Commission Directive 84/449/EEC (5), and the Annex to Commission Directive 88/302/EEC (6);

Whereas, in order to take account of technical developments it is necessary to revise the test methods to be found in the Annex to Commission Directive 84/449/EEC;

Whereas, in order to take account of technical developments it is also necessary to revise the test method for the algal inhibition test currently to be found in the Annex to Commission Directive 88/302/EEC and on this occasion to transfer this test method to the Annex to Directive 84/449/EEC;

Whereas it is appropriate to reduce to a minimum the number of animals used for experimental purposes, in accordance with Council Directive 86/609/EEC on the approximation of the laws, regulations and administrative provisions of the Member States regarding the protection of animals used for experimental purposes (7);

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

HAS ADOPTED THIS DIRECTIVE:

Article 1

The Annex to Directive 84/449/EEC is hereby replaced by the Annex to the present Directive.

(1) OJ No 196, 16. 8. 1967, p. 1.
(2) OJ No L 154, 5. 6. 1992, p. 1.
(3) OJ No L 187, 16. 7. 1988, p. 14.
(4) OJ No L 275, 5. 10. 1990, p. 35.
(5) OJ No L 251, 19. 9. 1984, p. 1.
(6) OJ No L 133, 30. 5. 1988, p. 1 and OJ No L 136, 2. 6. 1988, p. 20.
(7) OJ No L 358, 18. 12. 1986, p. 1.