COMMISSION DIRECTIVE

of 22 July 1991

adapting to technical progress for the fourteenth 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

(91/410/EEC)

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 Directive 79/831/EEC (2), and in particular Article 19 thereof;

Whereas, pursuant to Article 15 (2) of Directive 67/548/EEC, containers containing certain dangerous substances intended for domestic use must be fitted with child-resistant fastenings and/or carry a tactile warning of danger;

Whereas, pursuant to Article 6 (2) of Council Directive 88/379/EEC (3), containers containing certain categories of dangerous preparations offered or sold to the general public are to be fitted with child-resistant fastenings and/or carry a tactile warning of danger;

Whereas all forms of packages which are sufficiently safe for children, especially those defined by international standards, can be considered as packages fitted with child-resistant fastenings;

Whereas the technical specifications relating to these provisions are set out in Annex IX, parts A and B of Directive 67/548/EEC; whereas Article 19 of Directive 79/831/EEC provides that Annex IX arises from the procedure of the Committee for Adaptation to Technical Progress;

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

The text of Annex IX to Directive 67/548/EEC is replaced by the text appearing in the Annex to the present Directive.

Article 2

1. By 1 August 1992, Member States shall adopt and publish the provisions necessary to comply with this Directive and shall forthwith inform the Commission thereof. They shall apply these provisions from 1 November 1992 at the latest.

2. When Member States adopt the measures referred to in paragraph 1, they shall contain a reference to this Directive or shall be accompanied by such reference on the occasion of their official publication. The methods of making such a reference shall be laid down by the Member States.

Article 3

This Directive is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 22 July 1991.

For the Commission

Martin BANGEMANN

Vice-President

(1) OJ No L 196, 16. 8. 1967, p. 1.
(2) OJ No L 259, 15. 10. 1979, p. 10.
(3) OJ No L 187, 16. 7. 1988, p. 14.