COMMISSION DIRECTIVE

of 21 December 1978

adapting to technical progress Council Directive 72/276/EEC on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to certain methods for the quantitative analysis of binary textile fibre mixtures

(79/76/EEC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community, and in particular Article 100 thereof,

Having regard to Council Directive 72/276/EEC of 17 July 1972 on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to certain methods for the quantitative analysis of binary textile fibre mixtures (1),

Whereas the above Directive laid down uniform methods applicable to certain binary textile fibre mixtures in order to determine, in official tests carried out in Member States, the fibre composition of such textile products, as regards both the pre-treatment of the sample and its quantitative analysis ;

Whereas it has proved necessary to adapt analysis methods Nos 3 and 6 in Annex II to Directive 72/276/EEC to the most recent developments in science and technology ; whereas the amendments provided for this purpose are essential for the implementation and use of such methods ;

Whereas the provisions of this Directive are in accordance with the opinion of the Committee on the Adaptation to Technical Progress of Methods of Textile Analysis, provided for in Article 5 of Council Directive 72/276/EEC ;

Whereas an early date must be specified for the entry into force of the provisions of national law necessary for the implementation of the Directive ; whereas such entry into force should therefore take place within six months of the notification of this Directive,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DIRECTIVE :

Article 1

Annex II (2), methods No 3 and No 6, to Council Directive 72/276/EEC is amended in accordance with the Annex to this Directive.

Article 2

1. Member States shall bring into force the provisions necessary to comply with this Directive within six months of its notification and shall forthwith inform the Commission thereof.

2. As soon as this Directive has been notified, Member States shall also ensure that the Commission is informed, in sufficient time for it to submit its comments, of any draft laws, regulations or administrative provisions which they intend to adopt in the field covered by this Directive.

Article 3

This Directive is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 21 December 1978.

For the Commission

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Member of the Commission

(1) OJ No L 173, 31. 7. 1972, p. 1.