

COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

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Brussels, 10 December 1990

Amendment to the draft Council Resolution
on improving the prevention and treatment of acute human poisoning

(presented by the Commission pursuant to Article 149(3)
of the EEC Treaty)

Explanatory memorandum :

The Commission's initial proposal was forwarded by the Commission to the Council on 14 December 1989 (1).

The Economic and Social Committee delivered its opinion on 28 March 1990 (2).

The European Parliament delivered its opinion (Bombard Report) and voted the amendments proposed in the Bombard Report on 23 November 1990.

Further to these opinions the Commission has decided to submit to the Council the amended proposal for a Resolution (enclosed).

The amendments relate to the following points :

- A) Added information to make the text more specific by referring to:
- data in relation to the use of illicit drugs supplied by the Poison Centres according to the resolution of the Council and the Ministers of Health meeting within the Council of 16 May 1989 concerning an European network of health data on drugs abuse (89/C185/01) (3).
 - the EHLASS project concerning accidents involving consumer products;
 - acute poisoning and its implications for the health of the public in general;
 - collaboration with the World Health Organization and the poison centres of Community and non-Community countries.
- B) Reduction to three years (instead of five) of the time limit for updating the annexes and endeavouring to harmonize the expressions used in Annexes 1 and 2.

(1) COM (89) 506 final - O.J. C 294, 22.11.1989.

(2) O.J. C 124, 21.5.1990.

(3) O.J. C 185/1, 22.07.1989

Draft Council resolution on improving
the prevention and treatment of acute
human poisoning

Proposal amended

Citations and recitals 1 to 4 unchanged

Recital 5

Whereas harmonized annual reports will also be of value in the context of the Council Decision of 22 April 1986 (86/138/EEC)⁽²⁾ concerning a demonstration project with a view to introducing a Community system of information on accidents involving consumer products, which stipulates in Annex I (sub-section 2, paragraph 3) that additional information may be obtained from poison centres to supplement the basic information obtained from the casualty departments of hospitals;

Whereas harmonized annual reports will also be of value in the context of the Council Decision of 22 April 1986 (86/138/EEC) concerning a demonstration project with a view to introducing a Community system of information on accidents involving consumer products (EHLASS project), which stipulates in Annex I (sub-section 2, paragraph 3) that additional information may be obtained from poison centres to supplement the basic information obtained from the casualty departments of hospitals;

Recital 6 unchanged

(2) O.J. NO L 109, 26.04.1986, p. 23

Recital 7

Whereas this Resolution should help to develop the use of clinical toxicology data in overall assessments of the impact of chemical products and preparations on the health of the public in general and, more particularly, of workers exposed to dangerous substances liable to cause acute poisoning;

Whereas this Resolution should help to develop the use of clinical toxicology data in overall assessments of the impact of chemical products and preparations, principally on workers exposed to dangerous substances liable to cause acute poisoning, and more generally on the health of the public in general;

Recital 8 new

Whereas the current fruitful collaboration with the WHO, the poison centres of the Member States, and of non Community countries must be continued and developed;

Paragraph I unchanged

Paragraph II unchanged

in indents 1 to 4

Indent 5

- to arrange for the competent authority to produce a summary of the harmonized annual reports of the poison centres and the associated toxicology services.

This summary will deal in particular with records of poisoning, with a note on the measures taken or planned by the competent authority to improve the prevention of acute poisoning, and shall be forwarded to the Commission before 31 March of the following year, together with a list of the poison centres operating on their territory showing the areas which they cover, and the list of available antidotes. The Commission may, where necessary, arrange for all or part of the harmonized annual reports to be forwarded to it;

- to arrange for the competent authority to produce a summary of the harmonized annual reports of the poison centres and the associated toxicology services. This summary will deal in particular with records of poisoning, in particular those due to illicit use of drugs, with a note on the measures taken or planned by the competent authority to improve the prevention of acute poisoning, and shall be forwarded to the Commission before 21 March of the following year, together with a list of the poison centres operating on their territory showing the areas which they cover, and the list of available antidotes. The Commission may, where necessary, arrange for all or part of the harmonized annual reports to be forwarded to it ;

Paragraph III unchanged

Paragraph IV

Agrees to review the provisions of this Resolution within a maximum period of five years following its adoption, on the basis of a report from the Commission.

Agrees to review the provisions of this Resolution within a maximum period of three years following its adoption, on the basis of a report from the Commission, taking into account the need for the annexes to be updated.

Annexes

[The nomenclature for 'poisoning locations' to be harmonized in Annexes 1 and 2.]

ANNEX 1

Harmonized case data record sheet

Points 1 to 7 unchanged

8. location :	8. location :
8.1. Home and surroundings ()	
8.2. Workplace :	
- Factory/workshop ()	
Laboratory ()	
Agriculture/horticulture ()	8.1. to 8.3. unchanged
- Other	
8.3. Community :	
- Nursery or primary school ()	
Other school, university, educational establishment ()	
Hospital, clinic, nursing home ()	
- Institution : prison, military, etc. ()	
Other ()	
8.4. Enclosed public spaces ()	8.4. Enclosed public spaces (e.g. <u>bars</u> , <u>discotheques</u> , <u>restaurants</u> , <u>shopping centres</u> , <u>department stores</u> , etc.)
8.5. Open places ()	8.5. Open places (e.g. <u>sports grounds</u> , <u>children's play-grounds</u> , etc.)
8.6. Other ()	
8.7. Unknown ()	8.6. and 8.7. unchanged

Points 9 to 16 unchanged

ANNEX 2

Layout of the harmonized annual reports

Points 1 to 5.1 (indents 1 to 3) unchanged

Indent 4

Location :

- home and immediate surroundings
- workplace :
 - industry
 - agriculture/horticulture
 - other
- public establishment (e.g. schools or training centres, government offices, post offices, libraries, public transport - trains, buses, underground railways, etc.)
- enclosed public spaces (e.g. bars, discotheques, restaurants, shopping centres, department stores, etc.)
- open places (e.g. sports grounds, children's playgrounds, etc.)
- other or unknown

Location :

- Home and surroundings ()
- Workplace :
 - Factory/workshop ()
 - Laboratory ()
 - Agriculture/horticulture ()
 - Other ()
- Community :
 - Nursery or primary school ()
 - Other school, university, educational establishment ()
 - Hospital, clinic, nursing home ()
- Institution : prison, military, etc. ()
- Other ()
- Enclosed public spaces (e.g. bars, discotheques, restaurants, shopping centres, department stores, etc.)
- Open places (e.g. sports grounds, children's playgrounds, etc.)
- Other ()
- Unknown ()

Indents 5 to 8 unchanged

Points 5.2. and 6 to 10 unchanged

ANNEX 3

Suggested antidotes

Unchanged

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