

Chemicals: classification, labelling and packaging of substances and mixtures. Downstream legislation - Directive

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PURPOSE: to amend six existing Directives (Council Directives 76/768/EEC, 88/378/EEC, 1999/13/EC and Directives 2000/53/EC, 2002/96/EC and 2004/42/EC) to adapt them to the criteria for the classification and labelling of substances and mixtures laid down in the proposal for a Regulation on classification, labelling and packaging of substances and mixtures.

LEGISLATIVE ACT: Directive 2008/112/EC 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 of the European Parliament and of the Council in order to adapt them to Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008 on classification, labelling and packaging of substances and mixtures.

CONTENT: this Directive is closely linked to [Regulation](#) (EC) No 1272/2008 on classification, labelling and packaging of substances and mixtures. The latter builds on existing chemicals legislation and establishes a new system on classification, labelling and packaging of hazardous substances and mixtures by implementing in the EU the international criteria agreed by the United Nations Economic and Social Council (UN ECOSOC) for the classification and labelling of hazardous substances and mixtures, called the Globally Harmonised System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals (GHS).

The main objective of this Directive is to address the effects of the introduction of new classification criteria for substances and mixtures for six Directives which refer to classification of substances or mixtures, so as to prevent undesired changes in scope and obligations. The six Directives in the fields of cosmetic products, safety of toys, emissions of volatile organic compounds, end-of-life vehicles and waste electric and electronic equipment already contain substantive legal provisions. Where necessary, it adapts the provisions of those Directives to the new terminology resulting from the new criteria and the new hazard statements introduced by the proposal on classification, labelling and packaging. The term “mixture” is introduced to replace the term “preparation”, in line with the proposal on classification, labelling and packaging of substances and mixtures.

The references to test methods are also updated in accordance with REACH.

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