


Basic information	
<p>2023/0454(COD)</p> <p>COD - Ordinary legislative procedure (ex-codecision procedure) Directive</p>	Awaiting Parliament's position in 1st reading
<p>Restriction of the use of certain hazardous substances in electrical and electronic equipment: re-attribution of scientific and technical tasks to the European Chemicals Agency</p> <p>Amending Directive 2011/65 2008/0240(COD)</p> <p>Subject</p> <p>3.40.06 Electronics, electrotechnical industries, ICT, robotics 3.70.13 Dangerous substances, toxic and radioactive wastes (storage, transport) 8.40.08 Agencies and bodies of the EU</p>	

Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
	ENVI Environment, Climate and Food Safety	TSIODRAS Dimitris (EPP)	07/08/2024
		Shadow rapporteur CLERGEAU Christophe (S&D) TIMGREN Beatrice (ECR) HOJSÍK Martin (Renew) PAULUS Jutta (Greens/EFA) HAZEKAMP Anja (The Left)	
	Former committee responsible	Former rapporteur	Appointed
	ENVI Environment, Climate and Food Safety	SPYRAKI Maria (EPP)	15/03/2024
	Former committee for opinion	Former rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
	BUDG Budgets	VAN OVERTVELDT Johan (ECR)	13/12/2023
	Committee for budgetary assessment	Rapporteur for budgetary assessment	Appointed
	BUDG Budgets	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	



Council of the European Union		
European Commission	Commission DG	Commissioner
	Environment	SINKEVIUS Virginijus
European Economic and Social Committee		

Key events			
Date	Event	Reference	Summary
07/12/2023	Legislative proposal published	COM(2023)0781 	Summary
29/02/2024	Committee referral announced in Parliament, 1st reading		
13/11/2024	Committee referral announced in Parliament, 1st reading		
18/02/2025	Vote in committee, 1st reading		
25/02/2025	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading	A10-0019/2025	

Forecasts	
31/03/2025	Indicative plenary sitting date, 1st reading

Technical information	
Procedure reference	2023/0454(COD)
Procedure type	COD - Ordinary legislative procedure (ex-codecision procedure)
Procedure subtype	Legislation
Legislative instrument	Directive
	Amending Directive 2011/65 2008/0240(COD)
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Other legal basis	Rules of Procedure EP 165
Mandatory consultation of other institutions	European Economic and Social Committee
Stage reached in procedure	Awaiting Parliament's position in 1st reading
Committee dossier	ENVI/10/00310

Documentation gateway				
European Parliament				
Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Committee draft report		PE763.254	28/10/2024	
Amendments tabled in committee		PE766.687	11/12/2024	
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		A10-0019/2025	25/02/2025	
European Commission				

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Legislative proposal	COM(2023)0781 	07/12/2023	Summary	
Document attached to the procedure	SWD(2023)0850 	07/12/2023		
National parliaments				
Document type	Parliament /Chamber	Reference	Date	Summary
Contribution	IT_CHAMBER	COM(2023)0781	12/04/2024	
Contribution	CZ_SENATE	COM(2023)0781	22/04/2024	
Contribution	IT_SENATE	COM(2023)0781	08/05/2024	
Other institutions and bodies				
Institution/body	Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
ESC	Economic and Social Committee: opinion, report	CES5710/2023	20/03/2024	

Restriction of the use of certain hazardous substances in electrical and electronic equipment: re-attribution of scientific and technical tasks to the European Chemicals Agency

2023/0454(COD) - 07/12/2023 - Legislative proposal

PURPOSE: to amend Directive 2011/65/EU on the restriction of the use of certain hazardous substances in electrical and electronic equipment ('RoHS Directive') with a view to reattributing certain scientific and technical tasks to the European Chemicals Agency.

PROPOSED ACT: Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council.

ROLE OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT: the European Parliament decides in accordance with the ordinary legislative procedure and on an equal footing with the Council.

BACKGROUND: the Commission has, in its Communication 'European Green Deal', set an objective that chemical safety assessments should move towards a process of 'one-substance, one-assessment', calling for more transparent and simpler risk assessment processes in order to reduce the burden on all stakeholders, accelerate decision-making, as well as to increase consistency and predictability of scientific decisions and opinions.

To achieve that objective, part of the scientific and technical work on chemicals performed at Union level in support of Union legislation needs to be reattributed to the most suitable Union agencies. This would simplify the current set-up, improve quality and coherence of safety assessments across Union legislation, and ensure more efficient use of existing resources.

The reattribution of certain scientific and technical tasks to the European Chemicals Agency is necessary to align processes and levels of scientific scrutiny and digitalisation with current standards and processes of the European Chemicals Agency.

Directive 2011/65/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council contains two procedures related to the assessment of chemicals: the evaluation of economic operators' applications for granting, renewing or revoking an exemption from the substance restrictions pursuant to Article 5 of that Directive and the review of substances to be added to the list of restricted substances pursuant to Article 6 of that Directive. There is a need to increase transparency by setting detailed procedural steps for the process to review substances for a potential inclusion in the list of restricted substances.

To ensure that the restriction process referred to Article 6 in Directive 2011/65/EU is consistent with the restriction processes under other legislation related to chemicals, in particular with the substance restriction process laid down in Articles 69 to 73 of Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006, it is necessary to amend Directive 2011/65/EU to formally task the European Chemicals Agency with a role in the restriction process.

CONTENT: this proposed regulation aims at **amending Articles 5 and 6 of Directive 2011/65/EU** on the restriction of the use of certain hazardous substances in electrical and electronic equipment. The amendments allocate a role and specific tasks to ECHA and its scientific committees in the processes for substance restrictions and assessing exemption requests corresponding to the restrictions.