

## Minimum provisions on the constituent elements of criminal acts and penalties in the field of illicit drug trafficking: definition of 'drug'

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The Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs adopted the recommendation for second reading in the report by Teresa JIMÉNEZ-BECERRIL BARRIO (EPP, ES) on the Council position at first reading with a view to the adoption of a directive of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Council Framework Decision 2004/757/JHA in order to include new psychoactive substances in the definition of 'drug' and repealing Council Decision 2005/387/JHA.

The committee recommended Parliament to approve the Council position at first reading without amendments.

As a reminder, the aim of the proposed directive is to address new psychoactive substances (NPS) at EU level which pose a risk, quicker and more effectively than under the current system.

In the short justification accompanying the recommendation, it is recalled that after four years of interinstitutional negotiations, the two legislators finally reached an overall political agreement on the NPS package that incorporated the main points in the Parliaments negotiating mandate.

The Council position fully reflects the agreement reached in the context of the interinstitutional negotiations.