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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee/Council
Subject:	Draft REGULATION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL amending Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008 on classification, labelling and packaging of substances and mixtures (**first reading**) - Adoption of the legislative act = Statement

Statement of the Slovak Republic

The Slovak Republic is in favour of the proposal for a REGULATION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL amending Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council on classification, labelling and packaging of substances and mixtures that will contribute to a high level of protection of human health and the environment.

We would like to express our concerns regarding the introduction of new hazard classes (ED, PBT/vPvB, PMT/vPvM) in the CLP Regulation performed via a Delegated Act.

We understand that the CLP Regulation should ensure a high level of protection of human health and the environment as well as the free movement of chemical substances, mixtures and certain specific articles, while enhancing competitiveness and innovation.

In case new hazard classes are introduced in the CLP Regulation earlier than in the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals (GHS), the alignment of the CLP Regulation with the GHS at the UN level may be problematic and uncertain in the future. In addition, it would create barriers to global trade in chemicals in relation to competitiveness and the free movement of substances, mixtures and products and would allow market fragmentation worldwide.