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COUNCIL

COUNCIL DECISION

of 24 June 1988

concerning a supplement, in respect of carbon tetrachloride, to Annex IV to the Convention for the Protection of the Rhine against Chemical Pollution

(88/381/EEC)

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community, and in particular Article 130 S, thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Having regard to the opinion of the European Parliament (1),

Having regard to the opinion of the Economic and Social Committee (2),

Whereas, by Decision 77/586/EEC (3), the Community approved the Convention for the Protection of the Rhine against Chemical Pollution, hereinafter referred to as the 'Chemical Convention', and the Additional Agreement to the Agreement signed in Berne on 29 April 1963 concerning the International Commission for the Protection of the Rhine against Pollution, hereinafter referred to as the 'International Commission';

Whereas, under Article 5 of the Chemical Convention, the International Commission proposes limit values for the discharge of certain substances into the surface waters of the Rhine basin by way of amendments to Annex IV to the Chemical Convention; whereas, under Article 14 of the Chemical Convention, unanimous acceptance by the Contracting Parties is necessary for those amendments to enter into force;

Whereas the International Commission has established limit values for carbon tetrachloride in the form of a proposal designed to supplement Annex IV to the Chemical Convention;

Whereas Directive 86/280/EEC (4) lays down limit values for the discharge of carbon tetrachloride into the aquatic environment of the Community; whereas the limit values are identical to those set out in the proposal of the International Commission;

Whereas it is desirable that the Community, as a Contracting Party to the Chemical Convention, adopt the abovementioned proposal,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

The proposal by the International Commission for the Protection of the Rhine against Pollution, intended to supplement, in respect of carbon tetrachloride, Annex IV to the Convention for the Protection of the Rhine against Chemical Pollution, is hereby adopted on behalf of the European Economic Community.

The text of the proposal is attached to this Decision.

Article 2

The President of the Council shall notify the Government of the Swiss Confederation, in accordance with the procedures laid down by the Chemical Convention, of the adoption of the proposal referred to in Article 1.

Done at Luxembourg, 24 June 1988.

For the Council

The President

M. BANGEMANN

(1) Opinion delivered on 15 June 1988 (not yet published in the Official Journal).
(2) OJ No C 356, 31. 12. 1987, p. 68.
(3) OJ No L 240, 19. 9. 1977, p. 35.
(4) OJ No L 181, 4. 7. 1986, p. 16.