



2nd PHASE CONSULTATION ON CLASSIFICATION, LABELLING AND PACKAGING OF SUBSTANCES AND MIXTURE

Position and Statement by CEC European Managers

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In this second-stage consultation, the European Commission wishes to obtain the opinion of the European social partners regarding possible amendment of certain directives on health and safety at work as a result of the adoption of Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008 on classification, labelling and packaging of substances and mixtures (CLP).

In its answer to the first phase consultation, CEC and its chemical Federation FECCIA agreed that the CLP Regulation, complementing the new 'REACH Regulation', is necessary to facilitate global trade and harmonised communication of information on hazards posed by chemicals and to promote regulatory efficiency.

We welcome the Commission's initiative to ensure that the health and safety of workers continue to be protected following the adoption of the CLP Regulation and agree overall with the suggestions presented in the consultation document.

To this effect, we would favour Policy option 1, that is, a binding legislative action at EU level and to aim for a single legislative initiative that ensures a clear formal link to the Regulation on classification, labelling and packaging of substances and mixtures. In other words, we wish to have a directive amending the five concerned directives.

To answer the specific questions of the consultation:

(1) We do not wish to give any opinion on the content of the envisaged regulatory initiative. We agree that the amendments should align the directives with the changes that the Regulation made to the classification and labelling system for chemicals.

(2) We would favour an approach that includes maintaining a formal link to the EU chemical classification system (CLP Regulation).

(3) Additional non-binding measures may contribute to a better understanding if necessary. To this effect, a consultation of stakeholders may help better involve them in the creation of these new rules.

(4) We agree with the Commission's approach for updating the Annex of Directive 94/33/EC on Young Persons at Work.

(5) We would rather wait for a first proposal of regulatory initiative before opening a negotiation process.

