

COMMISSION DECISION

of 14 March 1988

amending Decision 78/618/EEC setting up a Scientific Advisory Committee to
examine the toxicity and ecotoxicity of chemical compounds

(88/241/EEC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,
Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European
Economic Community,

Whereas the Commission, by Decision 78/618/EEC⁽¹⁾, as
last amended by Decision 80/1084/EEC⁽²⁾, set up the
Scientific Advisory Committee to examine the toxicity
and ecotoxicity of chemical compounds;

Whereas amendments need to be made to this Decision
so that opinions can be obtained on the validity and
applicability of the new methods in toxicology and
ecotoxicology, and so that account can be taken of the
accession of three new Member States (Greece, Portugal
and Spain) and of experience of the operation of the
Committee,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

Decision 78/618/EEC is hereby amended as follows:

1. Article 2 (1) is replaced by the following:

'1. The task of the Committee or, where
appropriate, of its sections referred to in Article 8, shall
be to supply the Commission with opinions, at the
latter's request,

(a) on all matters relating to the examination of the
toxicity and ecotoxicity of those chemical
compounds the use of which is liable to have
detrimental effects on human health and on the
various environmental media, taking into account:

- scientific knowledge gained concerning the
toxicity and ecotoxicity of the chemical
compounds,
- the uses and quantities of those compounds,
- the assessment of the levels of exposure of the
targets;

(b) and on the validity of new methods in toxicology
and ecotoxicology.

Opinions of the Committee shall relate in particular
to:

- the examination of the toxic effects of chemical
compounds on Man,

- the examination of the various routes by which
chemical compounds are transferred, and of the
processes by which they are concentrated in the
environment, which affect or could affect Man,
- the examination of the toxic effects and the effects
of nuisances caused by chemical compounds on
the various environmental media,
- the assessment of the validity and applicability of
new methods of determining the toxicology and
ecotoxicology of chemical compounds.'

2. Articles 3 and 4 are replaced by the following:

'Article 3

The Committee shall consist of 24 members, two per
Member State, of whom 12 shall be senior experts in
toxicology and 12 senior experts in ecotoxicology.

Article 4

The Commission shall appoint the members of the
Committee, having regard to the need to ensure that
the various specific areas of toxicology and ecotoxi-
cology are covered.'

3. Article 7 (1) is replaced by the following:

'1. The Committee shall elect from the members, a
chairman and two vice-chairmen for a period of three
years. Election shall be by a majority of two-thirds of
the members present. The two vice-chairmen (one
toxicologist and one ecotoxicologist) shall act as
chairmen in their respective sections.'

4. Article 9 (1) is replaced by the following:

'1. The Committee, its sections and its working
parties shall normally meet at the headquarters of the
Commission when convened by the latter. However, in
exceptional circumstances and whenever necessary in
the light of scientific requirements, meetings may be
held at places other than the headquarters of the
Commission when convened by the latter.'

Article 2

This Decision shall enter into force on 14 March 1988.

Done at Brussels, 14 March 1988.

For the Commission

The President

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⁽¹⁾ OJ No L 198, 22. 7. 1978, p. 17.

⁽²⁾ OJ No L 316, 25. 11. 1980, p. 21.