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COUNCIL DRAFT

AMENDMENT

Amendment 7**Draft directive – amending act
Article 1 a (new)****Article 1a****Evaluation**

The Commission shall evaluate to which extent it would be appropriate to authorise Member States to apply Article 168a(1) of Directive 2006/112/EC, and the general adjustment rules under Articles 184 to 192 thereof, to movable goods that have a durable nature and that form part of the business assets. Any legislative proposal in that respect shall aim to harmonise the applicable rules in order to eliminate, to the greatest extent possible, factors that could distort competition, with a view to ensuring the proper functioning of the internal market. Such a legislative proposal shall be accompanied by an independent impact assessment, taking negative and positive aspects into account.

Amendment of Annexes II and III to the OSPAR Convention *

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European Parliament legislative resolution of 24 November 2009 on the proposal for a Council decision concerning the approval on behalf of the European Community, of the Amendments of Annex II and Annex III to the Convention for the protection of the marine environment of the North-East Atlantic (OSPAR Convention) in relation to the storage of carbon dioxide streams in geological formations (COM(2009)0236 – C7-0019/2009 – 2009/0071(CNS))

(2010/C 285 E/25)

(Consultation procedure)

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the proposal for a Council decision (COM(2009)0236),
- having regard to Articles 175(1) and 300(2), first subparagraph, of the EC Treaty,
- having regard to Article 300(3), first subparagraph, of the EC Treaty, pursuant to which the Council consulted Parliament (C7-0019/2009),
- having regard to Rules 55 and 90(8) of its Rules of Procedure,
- having regard to the report of the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety (A7-0051/2009),

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1. Approves the proposal for a Council decision as amended and approves the amendments to Annex II and Annex III to the Convention;
2. Instructs its President to forward its position to the Council and the Commission, and to the governments and parliaments of Belgium, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Iceland, Ireland, Luxembourg, The Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland and United Kingdom.

TEXT PROPOSED BY THE COMMISSION

AMENDMENT

Amendment 1

Proposal for a Council decision

Recital 4 a (new)

(4a) The Community has recently adopted Directive 2009/31/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 April 2009 on the geological storage of carbon dioxide⁽¹⁾. Under that Directive, the geological storage of carbon dioxide should be pursued provided that it obtains private, national and Community support and proves to be an environmentally safe technology; it should also be kept continuously under review from an environmental and safety perspective, and should not, in any way, serve as an incentive to increase the use of fossil fuel.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 140, 5.6.2009, p. 114.

Amendment 2

Proposal for a Council decision

Recital 4 b (new)

(4b) Shared Community and Member States' competence, combined with the principle of unity in the international representation of the Community, favours joint action for simultaneous deposition of instruments of approval of the amendments by the Community and by those of its Member States which are Contracting Parties to the Convention;

Amendment 3

Proposal for a Council decision

Article 2 - paragraph 1 a (new)

Member States which are Contracting Parties to the Convention shall endeavour to take the necessary steps with a view to depositing their instruments of ratification or approval simultaneously with those of the European Community and the other Member States and as far as possible not later than 1 June 2010.