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#### **1. INTRODUCTION**

Article 294(7)(c) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union provides that the Commission is to deliver an opinion on the amendments proposed by the European Parliament at second reading. The Commission sets out its opinion below on the amendments proposed by the Parliament.

#### **2. BACKGROUND**

Date on which the proposal was sent to Parliament and the Council:	30 January 2009
Date of Parliament's opinion at first reading:	18 May 2010
Opinion of the Economic and Social Committee:	16 December 2009
Date of adoption of the Council position:	6 December 2010
Date of COREPER agreement on the second reading compromise:	20 April 2011
Date of Parliament's opinion at second reading:	11 May 2011

#### **3. OBJECTIVE OF THE PROPOSAL FROM THE COMMISSION**

The proposal from the Commission was adopted in the context of the Better Regulation initiative. The aim of the proposal is to simplify and improve the existing regulatory framework for the labelling of textile products with a view to encourage the development and uptake of new fibres as well as innovation in the textile and clothing sector. In order to attain this overall objective, the proposal aims at:

- Facilitating the legislative process to adapt legislation to technical progress by transforming the three existing Directives into a single Regulation, which would avoid transposition of merely technical updates;

- Shortening the time between the submission of an application and the adoption of a new fibre name.

#### **4. OPINION OF THE COMMISSION ON THE AMENDMENTS BY THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT**

The European Parliament's opinion at second reading of 11 May 2011 is a balanced compromise, making a limited number of amendments to the Council's position in order to make more information available for consumers in respect to the presence of non-textile parts of animal origin and the full composition of textile products. A comprehensive review clause invites the Commission to examine further harmonisation of labelling of textile products, including an origin labelling scheme. The compromise text is in line with the overall purpose of the proposal.

The Parliament's position is a result of a compromise obtained at a triilogue held on 12 April 2011 and which was approved on 20 April 2011 in Council.

#### **5. CONCLUSION**

The Commission accepts the amendments voted by the European Parliament in second reading according to the above described compromise text of the Council and the European Parliament.