



Parlamentul României
Senat

Bucharest, 16 December, 2010

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OPINION

of the ROMANIAN SENATE, on the

Proposal for a Regulation (EU) of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EC) No 648/2004 as regards the use of phosphates and other phosphorous compounds in household laundry detergents

The Senate of Romania has checked the compliance with the subsidiarity and proportionality principles of the Proposal for a Regulation (EU) of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EC) No 648/2004 as regards the use of phosphates and other phosphorous compounds in household laundry detergents – COM (2010) 597 final, according to the provisions of the Treaty of Lisbon (protocol no.2).

Taking into account the report of our permanent Committee for public administration, organization of the territory and protection of the environment, **the Plenum of the Senate**, during its session of the 15-th of December 2010, has found that the mentioned proposal, elaborated according to Article 5 of the Treaty of the European Union, **is compliant with the subsidiarity and proportionality principles**, taking into consideration that the objective to limit the contribution of phosphates from detergents to eutrophication risks in EU waters while maintaining a well functioning internal market for detergents cannot be sufficiently achieved by the Member States alone and the proposal does not go beyond what is necessary in order to achieve the intended objectives.

President
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