Parlamentul României

Senat

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OPINION

of the SENATE OF ROMANIA

on the proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on persistent organic pollutants (recast)

COM (2018) 144 final

The Senate of Romania has examined the proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on persistent organic pollutants (recast) - COM (2018) 144 final, according to the provisions of the Treaty of Lisbon (Protocol no.2).

Taking into account the report of the Committee for European Affairs no. LXII/228/08.05.2018, **the plenum of the Senate**, during its session of 16th May 2018, has decided the following:

(1) Notes that the principles of subsidiarity and proportionality are respected. The objectives of the proposal cannot be achieved by the Member States because a harmonised approach is needed to ensure that the Union, as a Party to the Stockholm Convention, meets its international obligations. The proposal complies with the proportionality principle since it does not go beyond what is necessary to achieve its objectives. It concentrates on changes only where they are deemed necessary and appropriate for its proper functioning or where they are necessary due to changes in other legislation.

(2) Considers that:

1. The activities of streamlining, simplifying and automatising the reporting / monitoring process and improving the provision of public information have not give rise to additional administrative burdens for the authorities responsible for implementing the provisions of the Regulation.
2. The European Chemicals Agency (ECHA) has to demonstrate that it has the necessary financial and human resources to carry out the new tasks and responsibilities proposed to be transferred from the European Commission.
3. The objectives, content, purpose and duration of the delegation of power to the European Commission have to be clearly defined in the proposal for a Regulation.

p. President of the Senate

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