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Directorate-General for Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs

Consumer, Environmental and Health Technologies
Chemicals

Final report – Detergents

Final Report (1996-2001) on the results reached by the implementation of Commission Recommendation 98/480/EC.

Report from the Commission to the European Parliament and the Council ([COM\(2004\)134](#) ) pursuant to Article 9 of Commission Recommendation 98/480/EC of 22 July 1998 concerning Good Environmental Practice for Household Laundry Detergents.

The following background information is available:

- The [IBM report](#)  [2 MB] is the official final progress report to the European Commission concerning the period 1996-2001. It recalls details on the organisation of company data collection, role of IBM, audit process and lastly, data for 1996 and 2001; reports for these last two years are provided for the three targets on detergent, packaging and poorly-biodegradable organics consumptions; energy data gathered via external market survey with TaylorNelson Sofres are also provided.
- The AISE (International association for soaps, detergents and maintenance products) final [report](#)  [2 MB] is complementary to the IBM document. It provides details on market trends from the industry perspective and details on the actions undertaken throughout Europe for the implementation of this project.
- Commission Recommendation [98/480/EC](#) 
- [Second Intermediate report](#)