
Dear Madam, Dear Sir,

The protection of workers from risks related to exposure to carcinogens and mutagens is a priority for the Commission as indicated in the Communication "Safer and healthier work for All – Modernisation of the EU Occupational Safety and Health Legislation and Policy".

In the recent past, the Commission has proposed two amendments to Directive 2004/37/EC (the Carcinogens and Mutagens Directive) aimed at improving protection for millions of workers by revising or establishing binding occupational exposure limit values for a number of dangerous chemical agents in light of evolving scientific and technological developments. An agreement was reached by European Parliament and Council on 11 July 2017 on the first proposal.

The European Pillar of Social rights adopted on 26 April 2017 also announces that the Commission – in consultation with the social partners - will continue to propose further updates of the Carcinogens and Mutagens Directive to introduce binding limit values to combat occupational cancer.

In this context, the Commission would like to consult the social partners on the possible direction of Union action, regarding the establishment and/or revision of further binding occupational limit values in Annex III to the Carcinogens and Mutagens Directive and seek their views, for the purpose of future revisions, on which new process generated

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In this context, the Commission would like to identify possibilities to improve the existing EU legal framework in this field, based on this consultation of the social partners under Article 154 TFEU. It also asks if you would consider initiating a dialogue under Article 155 TFEU on any of the issues identified.

I would be grateful to receive your responses to this consultation by 30 September 2017. Please send your replies to EMPL-SOCIAL-DIALOGUE@ec.europa.eu.

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Annex: First phase Consultation Document