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6. Drafting aid for an extension of the New Psychoactive Substances Act

The Commission suggests the German authorities consider informing the other Member States about their concerns and experience regarding nitrous oxide, 4-butanediol (BDO) and gamma-butyrolactone (GBL) uses through well-established channels for dialogue in such cases, such as the Consumer Safety Network expert group (CSN) under the General Product Safety Directive (1).

The Commission also recalls the need to notify measures against such products in Safety Gate( 2) formerly known as RAPEX (Rapid Alert System for Non-Food Products). This could help understanding the extent of the problem in the EU and identifying a common suitable potential solution jointly with other Member States, which could ensure the EU wide protection of human health against risks stemming from the use of nitrous oxide, 1,4-butanediol (BDO) and gamma-butyrolactone (GBL) for intoxication purposes.

The Commission recalls the importance of protection of human health and the relevance of harmonised measures in an internal market. Therefore, the Commission invites the German authorities to find the best approach to discuss these national measures with other Member States as suggested above, as well as within the REACH (3) and CLP (4) Competent Authorities meetings if the other means are not considered sufficient.

- (1) Directive 2001/95/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 3 December 2001 on general product safety, OJ L 11, 15.1.2002, p. 4–17.
- (2) https://ec.europa.eu/safety-gate
- (3) Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 December 2006 concerning the Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals (REACH), establishing a European Chemicals Agency, amending Directive 1999/45/EC and repealing Council Regulation (EEC) No 793/93 and Commission Regulation (EC) No



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1488/94 as well as Council Directive 76/769/EEC and Commission Directives 91/155/EEC, 93/67/EEC, 93/105/EC and 2000/21/EC, OJ L 396, 30/12/2006, p. 1-850.

(4) Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 December 2008 on classification, labelling and packaging of substances and mixtures, amending and repealing Directives 67/548/EEC and 1999/45/EC, and amending Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006, OJ L 353, 31/12/2008, p. 1–1355.

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