

Annex 6: Fast Track Actions for Reducing Administrative Burdens presented in 2008 – State of Play as of 30 December 2008

Areas	Change pursued	Proposal	Status
Notification of placing radio-telecom equipment on the market Directive 99/5/EC.	Implementation of a one-stop electronic notification facility, that relays the information from the manufacturer to the member states authorities to communicate the intention to place certain equipment on the market.	No need for legislative change	Application tested in January 2008 and in use since.
Executive measures			
Control procedures on modified starches Commission regulation 1722/93.	Simplification of control procedures on modified starches by increasing the threshold below which these procedures do not apply.	Draft measure was tabled for discussion and voted in management committee on 13/03/2008.	Adopted Commission Regulation 491/2008 of 3/06/2008
Harmonisation of VOC definitions Commission decision 2002/739.	Harmonise the definition of a volatile organic compound (VOC) between Directive 2004/42/EC and Commission Decision 2002/739/EC.	Draft measure was discussed and agreed in the relevant committee.	Adopted Commission Decision C(2008)4453 of 13/08/2008
Notifications related to the emissions of non-road mobile machineries Directive 97/68/EC.	Remove the administrative burdens arising from the notification requirements under the flexibility scheme and falling on Member States' approval authorities and manufacturers.	The draft measure was circulated in May 2008.	Under consideration.
Legislative measures			
<i>“Omnibus” packages</i>			
Company law 1st and 11th Directives (68/151/EEC and 89/666/EEC)	- Eliminate the costs of publishing, in the national gazette, information that has already been disclosed in the commercial register. - Member States should not require the translation and the certification of the translation to be made in their respective country.	Proposal adopted on 17.4.2008 COM(2008) 194	Under discussion in European Parliament and Council. EP 1 st reading on 19/11/2008 with several amendments.
Accounting and auditing 4th and 7th Directives (78/660/EEC and 83/349/EEC)	- Elimination of certain disclosure requirements (formation expenses and breakdown of net turnover) from the Directive. - Clarification of the relationship between the IAS Regulation 1606/2002 and the 7th Directive.	Proposal adopted on 17.4.2008 COM(2008) 195	Under discussion in European Parliament and Council. EP plenary scheduled for 18th December.
<i>Stand-alone measures</i>			
Labelling of batteries Directive 2006/66/EC.	Clarifying that batteries lawfully placed on the market before 26 September 2008 do not have to be withdrawn from the market or relabelled after this date..	Proposal adopted on 16.4.2008 COM(2008) 211	Adopted. Directive 2008/103/EC of the EP and Council of 19/11/2008
Intrastat Regulation 638/2004.	Simplification of Community statistics relating to the trading of goods between Member States with a view to alleviate the statistical reporting of economic operators, in particular SMEs.	Proposal adopted on 7.2.2008 COM (2008) 58	Under discussion in EP and Council. EP 1 st reading on 21/10/08 with amendments. Agreement likely early in 2009.
Revision of the legal basis of Variation Regulations Directives 2001/82/EC & 2001/83/EC	Review the legal bases of the Variations Regulations in order to bring full harmonisation of the variations rules within the EU. This will make the regulatory framework governing changes to medicinal products (e.g. change in the packaging, ...) clearer, simpler and more flexible.	Proposal adopted on 4.3.2008 COM (2008) 123	Under discussion in European Parliament and Council. EP 1 st reading on 22/10/2008 with amendments.