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## ANNEX

1. In point A of Annex III to Directive 2004/37/EC, the row related to benzene is replaced by the following row:

Name of agent	EC No <sup>(1)</sup>	CAS No <sup>(2)</sup>	Limit values						Notation	Transitional measures
			8 hours <sup>(3)</sup>			Short-term <sup>(4)</sup>				
			mg/m <sup>3</sup> <sup>(5)</sup>	ppm <sup>(6)</sup>	f/ml <sup>(7)</sup>	mg/m <sup>3</sup>	ppm	f/ml		
Benzene	200-753-7	71-43-2	0.66	0.2	—	—	—	—	Skin <sup>(8)</sup>	The limit value shall apply from four years after entry into force of this Directive. From two years up to four years after entry into force, a limit value of 0.5 ppm (1.65 mg/m <sup>3</sup> ) shall apply.

2. In point A of Annex III to Directive 2004/37/EC, the following rows are added:

Name of agent	EC No <sup>(1)</sup>	CAS No <sup>(2)</sup>	Limit values						Notation	Transitional measures
			8 hours <sup>(3)</sup>			Short-term <sup>(4)</sup>				
			mg/m <sup>3</sup> <sup>(5)</sup>	ppm <sup>(6)</sup>	f/ml <sup>(7)</sup>	mg/m <sup>3</sup>	ppm	f/ml		
Acrylonitrile	203-466-5	107-13-1	1	0.45	–	4	1.8	–	Skin <sup>(8)</sup>	The limit values shall apply from four years after entry into force of this Directive.
Nickel compounds	–	–	0.01 <sup>(9)</sup>  0.05 <sup>(10)</sup>	–	–	–	–	–	Dermal and respiratory sensitisation <sup>(11)</sup>	The limit value <sup>(9)</sup> shall apply from 18 <sup>th</sup> January 2025  The limit value <sup>(10)</sup> shall apply from 18 <sup>th</sup> January 2025. Until then a limit value of 0.1 mg/m <sup>3</sup> <sup>(10)</sup> shall apply.

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- (<sup>1</sup>) EC No, i.e. EINECS, ELINCS or NLP, is the official number of the substance within the European Union, as defined in Section 1.1.1.2 in Annex VI, Part 1, to Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008.
- (<sup>2</sup>) CAS No: Chemical Abstract Service Registry Number.
- (<sup>3</sup>) Measured or calculated in relation to a reference period of eight hours time-weighted average (TWA).
- (<sup>4</sup>) Short-term exposure limit (STEL). A limit value above which exposure should not occur and which is related to a 15-minute period unless otherwise specified.
- (<sup>5</sup>) mg/m<sup>3</sup> = milligrams per cubic metre of air at 20 °C and 101,3 kPa (760 mm mercury pressure).
- (<sup>6</sup>) ppm = parts per million by volume in air (ml/m<sup>3</sup>).
- (<sup>7</sup>) f/ml = fibres per millilitre.
- (<sup>8</sup>) Substantial contribution to the total body burden via dermal exposure possible.
- (<sup>9</sup>) Respirable fraction, measured as nickel
- (<sup>10</sup>) Inhalable fraction, measured as nickel
- (<sup>11</sup>) The substance can cause sensitisation of the skin and of the respiratory tract.