

Safety and health at work: work equipment (2nd amend. direct. 89/655/EEC, in the context direct. 89/391/EEC)

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This document concerns an amended proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council, amending for the second time Directive 89/655/EEC concerning the minimum safety and health requirements for the use of work equipment by workers at work (2nd individual Directive within the meaning of Article 16 of Directive 89/391/EC. The changes made by the Commission are of two types: 1) the first group are formal changes following the entry into force of the Amsterdam Treaty; 2) the second group stem from the European Parliament's amendments accepted by the Commission - in part or in full - at the plenary part session. The principal European Parliament amendments accepted by the Commission relate to the following: - risk assessment; - worker training; - standard of safety/risk; - technical clarifications and improvements; - self-employed persons. In conclusion, as it is not possible under the Treaty to go any further than Directive 92/57/EEC, the Commission is preparing a proposal for a Council recommendation on this subject.