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| <p><b>1998/0029(COD)</b></p> <p>COD - Ordinary legislative procedure (ex-codecision procedure)<br/>Directive</p>  | Procedure completed |
| <p>Noise pollution: noise emission by equipment used outdoors</p> <p>Amended by <a href="#">2005/0149(COD)</a><br/>Amended by <a href="#">2022/0280(COD)</a><br/>Amended by <a href="#">2023/0369(COD)</a></p> <p><b>Subject</b></p> <p>3.70.07 Noise pollution</p> |                     |


| Key players         |   |                              |   |                  |             |
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| European Parliament | <b>Committee responsible</b>                              |                              | <b>Rapporteur</b>                             | <b>Appointed</b> |             |
|                     | <a href="#">ENVI</a> Environment, Climate and Food Safety |                              |   |                  |             |
|                     | <b>Former committee responsible</b>                       |                              | <b>Former rapporteur</b>                      | <b>Appointed</b> |             |
|                     | <a href="#">ENVI</a> Environment, Climate and Food Safety |                              |   |                  |             |
|                     | <b>Former committee for opinion</b>                       |                              | <b>Former rapporteur for opinion</b>          | <b>Appointed</b> |             |
|                     | <a href="#">BUDG</a> Budgets                              |                              | The committee decided not to give an opinion. |                  |             |
|                     | <a href="#">ECON</a> Economic and Monetary Affairs        |                              | The committee decided not to give an opinion. |                  |             |
|                     | Council of the European Union                             | <b>Council configuration</b> |   | <b>Meetings</b>  | <b>Date</b> |
|                     |   | Agriculture and Fisheries    |   | 2240             | 2000-01-24  |
| Environment         |   | 2194                         | 1999-06-24                                    |                  |             |

| Key events |   |  |                         |
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| Date       | Event   | Reference  | Summary                 |
| 18/02/1998 | Legislative proposal published                          | COM(1998)0046<br> | <a href="#">Summary</a> |
| 09/03/1998 | Committee referral announced in Parliament, 1st reading |  |                         |
| 18/03/1998 | Vote in committee, 1st reading                          |  |                         |

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| 01/04/1998 | Decision by Parliament, 1st reading                     | T4-0189/1998 | <a href="#">Summary</a> |
| 24/01/2000 | Council position published                              | 11256/1/1999 | <a href="#">Summary</a> |
| 03/02/2000 | Committee referral announced in Parliament, 2nd reading |              |                         |
| 23/02/2000 | Vote in committee, 2nd reading                          |              |                         |
| 15/03/2000 | Decision by Parliament, 1st reading                     | T5-0093/2000 | <a href="#">Summary</a> |
| 08/05/2000 | Final act signed  |              |                         |
| 08/05/2000 | End of procedure in Parliament                          |              |                         |
| 03/07/2000 | Final act published in Official Journal                 |              |                         |

| Technical information             |   |
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| <b>Procedure reference</b>        | 1998/0029(COD)  |
| <b>Procedure type</b>             | COD - Ordinary legislative procedure (ex-codecision procedure)  |
| <b>Procedure subtype</b>          | Legislation   |
| <b>Legislative instrument</b>     | Directive   |
|                                   | Amended by <a href="#">2005/0149(COD)</a><br>Amended by <a href="#">2022/0280(COD)</a><br>Amended by <a href="#">2023/0369(COD)</a> |
| <b>Legal basis</b>                | EC Treaty (after Amsterdam) EC 095<br>Rules of Procedure EP 52-p1<br>Rules of Procedure EP 66_o-p4                                  |
| <b>Stage reached in procedure</b> | Procedure completed   |
| <b>Committee dossier</b>          | ENVI/5/12442  |

| Documentation gateway                          |  |   |                         |                         |
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| <b>European Parliament</b>                     |  |   |                         |                         |
| Document type                                  | Committee  | Reference   | Date                    | Summary                 |
| Text adopted by Parliament, 2nd reading        |  | T5-0093/2000<br>OJ C 377 29.12.2000, p. 0044-0141 | 15/03/2000              | <a href="#">Summary</a> |
| <b>Council of the EU</b>                       |  |   |                         |                         |
| Document type                                  | Reference  | Date  | Summary                 |                         |
| Council position                               | 11256/1/1999<br>OJ C 083 22.03.2000, p. 0001   | 24/01/2000  | <a href="#">Summary</a> |                         |
| <b>European Commission</b>                     |  |   |                         |                         |
| Document type                                  | Reference  | Date  | Summary                 |                         |
| Legislative proposal                           | COM(1998)0046<br><br>OJ C 124 22.04.1998, p. 0001 | 18/02/1998  | <a href="#">Summary</a> |                         |
| Commission communication on Council's position | SEC(2000)0132<br>                                 | 28/01/2000  | <a href="#">Summary</a> |                         |
| Follow-up document                             | SWD(2020)0267<br>                                 | 16/11/2020  |                         |                         |

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| Follow-up document                   | <a href="#">COM(2020)0715</a><br> | 16/11/2020   |             |
| Follow-up document                   | <a href="#">SWD(2020)0266</a>  | 16/11/2020   |             |
| <b>Other institutions and bodies</b> |  |  |             |
| <b>Institution/body</b>              | <b>Document type</b>   | <b>Reference</b>   | <b>Date</b> |
| ESC                                  | Economic and Social Committee: opinion, report   | <a href="#">CES1119/1998</a><br><a href="#">OJ C 407 28.12.1998, p. 0018</a> | 10/09/1998  |
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| <b>Additional information</b> |                         |             |
| <b>Source</b>                 | <b>Document</b>         | <b>Date</b> |
| European Commission           | <a href="#">EUR-Lex</a> |             |
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| <b>Final act</b>  |                         |
| <a href="#">Directive 2000/0014</a><br><a href="#">OJ L 162 03.07.2000, p. 0001</a> | <a href="#">Summary</a> |

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| <b>Delegated acts</b>          |                              |
| <b>Reference</b>               | <b>Subject</b>               |
| <a href="#">2023/2997(DEA)</a> | Examination of delegated act |
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## Noise pollution: noise emission by equipment used outdoors

1998/0029(COD) - 15/03/2000 - Text adopted by Parliament, 2nd reading

The European Parliament approved the common position adopted by the Council with a view to a European Parliament and Council Directive on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to noise emission by equipment used outdoors. (Codecision procedure, second reading).

## Noise pollution: noise emission by equipment used outdoors

1998/0029(COD) - 01/04/1998 - Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading

Parliament approved the proposal (procedure without report).

## Noise pollution: noise emission by equipment used outdoors

1998/0029(COD) - 08/05/2000 - Final act

**PURPOSE** : to harmonise the laws of the Member States relating to noise emissions by equipment for outdoor use. **COMMUNITY MEASURE** : Directive 2000/14/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to the noise emission in the environment by equipment for use outdoors. **CONTENT** : this Directive aims to harmonise the laws of the Member States relating to noise emission standards, conformity assessment procedures, marking, technical documentation and collection of data concerning the noise emission in the environment of equipment for use outdoors. It will also contribute to the smooth functioning of the internal market while protecting human health and well-being. This Directive applies to equipment for use outdoors such as compressors, tower cranes, welding generators, power generators, hand-held concrete breakers and picks, lawnmowers, hydraulic excavators, dozers, loaders, etc. With regard to reducing noise levels, two stages are envisaged in order to allow manufacturers to adapt their equipment to the more demanding limits. The first stage shall take effect from 03/01/2002 and aims to progressively eliminate the noisiest pieces of equipment; four years later from 03/01/2006 the levels shall be adapted to technical progress (that is to say they will become stricter). The Directive simplifies the conformity assessment procedures in providing three options: 1) internal control of production with assessment of technical documentation and periodical checking; 2) the unit verification procedure; 3) the full quality assurance

procedure. Member States shall appoint the bodies under their jurisdiction to carry out or supervise the conformity assessment procedures. Furthermore, it should be noted that the collection of noise data shall be simplified due to the EC declaration of conformity for each type of equipment. In addition, no later than 03/01/2005 and every four years thereafter, the Commission shall submit to the European Parliament and to the Council a report concerning the Commission's experiences in the implementation and administration of this Directive. No later than 03/07/2003 the Commission shall also submit a report concerning whether and to what extent technical progress allows a reduction of limit values for lawnmowers and lawn trimmers/lawn edge trimmers, and if appropriate, a proposal to amend this Directive. ENTRY INTO FORCE : 03.07.2000. TRANSPOSITION AND DATE OF APPLICATION : 03/01/2001. Member States shall allow the manufacturer, or his authorised representative established in the Community, to avail himself of the provisions of this Directive as from 03/07/2001.

## **Noise pollution: noise emission by equipment used outdoors**

1998/0029(COD) - 28/01/2000 - Commission communication on Council's position

The Commission greatly appreciates the work done in determining the common position and endorses the improvements and clarifications that were made. The bonus to the environment and thus to the citizen is expected to be valuable. At the same time, market access is assured for the manufacturers of noisy equipment who will receive a strong message. Environmental considerations will continue to play a regulatory role in the noise emissions from equipment for use outdoors. The Commission commends the common position.

## **Noise pollution: noise emission by equipment used outdoors**

1998/0029(COD) - 18/02/1998 - Legislative proposal

OBJECTIVE: the proposal for a directive seeks to contribute to the smooth functioning of the internal market and achieve health protection by reducing noise levels in the environment and simplify existing legislation concerning equipment used outdoors (for example construction machines and lawnmowers) and to create a framework for the reduction of noise emissions from this equipment. SUBSTANCE: the framework directive proposes various measures to achieve the required objectives. - information of the public by marking all the equipment concerned (55 types) indicating guaranteed sound levels; - limiting sound emissions by imposing noise limits on certain products: admissible noise limits would enter into force in two stages (the second stage commencing 48 months after the first) for 19 types of equipment; - harmonization of conformity assessment procedures - collection of data concerning noise emissions by equipment so as to assess more accurately their acoustic impact and the technical possibilities of reducing noise levels.

## **Noise pollution: noise emission by equipment used outdoors**

1998/0029(COD) - 24/01/2000 - Council position

The objective of the proposal is to harmonise the laws of the Member States relating to noise emission standards, conformity assessment procedures, marking, technical documentation and collection of data concerning the noise emission in the environment of equipment for use outdoors, and to update existing Community legislation in this field. Compared to the Commission proposal, the common position simplifies the procedures on conformity assessment by reducing the number of options from 5 to 3, including a new (and less bureaucratic) option for an internal production control carried out by industry. Some additional categories of equipment have been included in the Directive and certain limit values have been adjusted taking into the technical possibilities to meet the proposed limits. The collection of noise data has been simplified making use of the EC-declaration of conformity. The common position also foresees for certain lawnmowers and lawn trimmers/lawn edge trimmers indicative permissible sound power levels in stage II which are 2dB lower than stage I. The Commission must within 2 years examine this question and submit a report to the Council and the European Parliament and, if appropriate, a proposal to amend the Directive. The stage I limits will continue to apply until an amendment to the Directive replaces the indicative figures. The Council considers that the common position would improve the protection of human health, simplifying existing legislation and contribute to a smooth functioning of the Internal Market.