

# Procedure file

Basic information	
COD - Ordinary legislative procedure (ex-codecision procedure) Directive	1995/0279(COD) Procedure completed
Safety at work: personal protective equipment PPE (amend. Directive 89/686/EEC)	
Subject 4.15.15 Health and safety at work, occupational medicine	

Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
	<b>ECON</b> Economic and Monetary Affairs, Industrial Policy	V <a href="#">WOLF Friedrich</a>	31/01/1996
	Former committee responsible		
	<b>ECON</b> Economic and Monetary Affairs, Industrial Policy	V <a href="#">WOLF Friedrich</a>	31/01/1996
	Former committee for opinion		
	<b>ENVI</b> Environment, Public Health and Consumer Protection	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
Council of the European Union	Council configuration	Meeting	Date
	Budget	<a href="#">1945</a>	25/07/1996
	Fisheries	<a href="#">1935</a>	10/06/1996

Key events			
17/11/1995	Legislative proposal published	COM(1995)0552	Summary
11/12/1995	Committee referral announced in Parliament, 1st reading		
25/04/1996	Vote in committee, 1st reading		Summary
25/04/1996	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading	<a href="#">A4-0137/1996</a>	
22/05/1996	Decision by Parliament, 1st reading	T4-0235/1996	Summary
10/06/1996	Council position published	<a href="#">05203/1/1996</a>	Summary
20/06/1996	Committee referral announced in Parliament, 2nd reading		
26/06/1996	Vote in committee, 2nd reading		Summary

26/06/1996	Committee recommendation tabled for plenary, 2nd reading	<a href="#">A4-0226/1996</a>	
17/07/1996	Decision by Parliament, 2nd reading	T4-0394/1996	Summary
25/07/1996	Act approved by Council, 2nd reading		Summary
03/09/1996	Final act signed		
03/09/1996	End of procedure in Parliament		
18/09/1996	Final act published in Official Journal		

### Technical information

Procedure reference	1995/0279(COD)
Procedure type	COD - Ordinary legislative procedure (ex-codecision procedure)
Procedure subtype	Legislation
Legislative instrument	Directive
Legal basis	EC before Amsterdam E 100A
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	ECON/4/07950

### Documentation gateway

Legislative proposal	<a href="#">COM(1995)0552</a> <a href="#">OJ C 023 27.01.1996, p. 0006</a>	17/11/1995	EC	Summary
Economic and Social Committee: opinion, report	<a href="#">CES0090/1996</a> <a href="#">OJ C 097 01.04.1996, p. 0008</a>	31/01/1996	ESC	Summary
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	<a href="#">A4-0137/1996</a> <a href="#">OJ C 152 27.05.1996, p. 0004</a>	25/04/1996	EP	
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading	T4-0235/1996 <a href="#">OJ C 166 10.06.1996, p. 0053-0060</a>	22/05/1996	EP	Summary
Council position	<a href="#">05203/1/1996</a> <a href="#">OJ C 220 29.07.1996, p. 0011</a>	10/06/1996	CSL	Summary
Commission communication on Council's position	SEC(1996)1112	14/06/1996	EC	Summary
Committee recommendation tabled for plenary, 2nd reading	<a href="#">A4-0226/1996</a> <a href="#">OJ C 261 09.09.1996, p. 0005</a>	26/06/1996	EP	
Text adopted by Parliament, 2nd reading	T4-0394/1996 <a href="#">OJ C 261 09.09.1996, p. 0049-0058</a>	17/07/1996	EP	Summary

### Additional information

European Commission	<a href="#">EUR-Lex</a>
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### Final act

<a href="#">Directive 1996/58</a> <a href="#">OJ L 236 18.09.1996, p. 0044</a> Summary
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## Safety at work: personal protective equipment PPE (amend. Directive 89/686/EEC)

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OBJECTIVE: the proposal for a directive aims to abolish the requirement to indicate on each item of PPE (personal protective equipment) the year in which the "EC" marking was affixed. This administrative simplification would cut PPE manufacturing costs by 5% without affecting the level of safety (the date of obsolescence and the lifetime of PPEs subject to ageing are retained). SUBSTANCE: abolition of the requirement to indicate on each item of PPE the year in which the "EC" marking was affixed (i.e. the year of manufacture of the PPE). This indication was not beneficial to the safety of the user of the equipment and might be confused with the date of obsolescence which must be affixed to PPEs subject to ageing. The Member States will be required to implement this directive from 1 January 1997. ?

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The Committee approves this proposal aimed to simplify costly administrative requirements imposed on the manufacturers because no aspects relating to users' health and safety will be diminished, and proper technical consultation of interested parties (which expressed their approval) has been carried on by the Commission.?

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The committee approved the Commission's proposals without amendments. ?

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Adopting the report by Mr WOLF (V, D), the European Parliament approved the proposal to amend a directive without amendment. ?

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The only change made by the common position of the Council to the original proposal by the Commission consisted of setting a deadline (01/01/1997) for transposition of the Directive by the Member States instead of a date which would have varied in relation to the date of final adoption of the Directive (3 months after adoption). ?

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As the amendment proposed by the Council did not change the date of application of the directive for the Member States, the Commission was willing to accept the Council's common position.?

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(report by Mr Friedrich WOLF). The common position was adopted without amendment.?

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In adopting the recommendation for second reading by Mr Friedrich WOLF (Greens, D), Parliament approved the common position of the Council. ?

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Following Parliament's approval of its common position, the Council adopted the amendment to Directive 89/686/EEC.

## Safety at work: personal protective equipment PPE (amend. Directive 89/686/EEC)

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OBJECTIVE: to abolish the requirement to indicate on each item of PPE (personal protective equipment) the year in which the 'EC' marking was affixed. This administrative simplification will cut PPE manufacturing costs by 5% without affecting the level of safety (the date of obsolescence and the lifetime of the protective equipment subject to ageing are retained). COMMUNITY MEASURE: Directive 96/58/EC of the European Parliament and the Council, amending Directive 89/686/EEC on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to personal protective equipment (PPE). SUBSTANCE: abolition of the requirement to indicate on each item of PPE the year in which the 'EC'

marking (i.e. the year of manufacture of the PPE) was affixed, since this indication: . is not a factor beneficial to the safety of the user of the equipment, . might be confused with the date of obsolescence which must be affixed to PPE subject to ageing. DATE OF ENTRY INTO FORCE: 7 October 1996 DEADLINE FOR TRANSPOSITION INTO NATIONAL LEGISLATION: 1 January 1997. ?