


Procedure file

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Packaging: marking and establishment of a conformity assessment procedure	
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Key players	
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Key events			
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Technical information	
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Procedure type	COD - Ordinary legislative procedure (ex-codecision procedure)
Procedure subtype	Legislation
Legislative instrument	Directive
Legal basis	EC Treaty (after Amsterdam) EC 095
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure lapsed or withdrawn
Committee dossier	ENVI/4/08481

Documentation gateway					
Legislative proposal		COM(1996)0191 OJ C 382 18.12.1996, p. 0010	25/11/1996	EC	Summary
Economic and Social Committee: opinion, report		CES0588/1997 OJ C 287 22.09.1997, p. 0005	28/05/1997	ESC	Summary
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Additional information	
European Commission	EUR-Lex

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OBJECTIVE: to harmonize the marking of packaging in order to provide consumers with clear and precise information enabling them to contribute to the attainment of the objectives of Directive 94/62/EC on packaging and packaging waste. SUBSTANCE: the proposal for a Directive introduces a conformity assessment procedure to ensure a coherent application of Directive 94/62/EC by manufacturers and to avoid internal market problems in the future. The marking system proposed will be applied on a voluntary basis. ?

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The Packaging and Packaging Waste Directive calls upon the Council to decide on the marking of packaging, this does not compel the Council and the European Parliament to adopt a directive immediately. In view of the above shortcomings, the Committee considers that efforts would be better spent in improving the current situation, as well as on reducing unnecessary packaging. A little more time can then be taken to develop an understandable and internationally compatible mark for the EU.?

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The report by Françoise GROSSETETE (EPP, F) adopted by the Committee is to introduce full harmonisation of marking on packaging. The report seeks to encourage consumer involvement in the recycling of packaging. It provides for a system of marking which can be used by producers on a voluntary basis to enable consumers to recognise recyclable and reusable packaging. An amendment adopted by the committee says that all packaging covered by Directive 94/62/EC on packaging and packaging waste should be subject to the conformity assessment procedure (technical documentation on the design and manufacture of the product) before being put on sale. The report as amended also says that liability for conformity to the directive should not be limited to manufacturers but should also include packers/fillers.?

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The Parliament approved the report drafted by Ms. Françoise Grossetête (F, EPP) on the Commission's proposed Directive subject to a number of amendments. The following is the gist of the amendments adopted : - Member States must transpose the Directive into national law within three years of its entry into force 'provided that packaging and packaging waste can be treated according to their marking'. - a more detailed set of markings than those of the Commission are introduced (to identify aluminium, steel, glass and plastics). - Packaging manufacturers should share responsibility with packers and fillers for implementation of the legislation. ?

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As this proposal is no longer of topical interest, it has been withdrawn by the Commission.