

Procedure file

Basic information		
CNS - Consultation procedure Directive	1997/0238(CNS)	Procedure completed
European works Council, procedure to inform or consult employees: extension Directive 94/45/EC to United Kingdom		
Repealed by 2008/0141(COD)		
Subject 4.15.10 Worker information, participation, trade unions, works councils		
Geographical area United Kingdom		

Key players			
European Parliament			
Council of the European Union	Council configuration	Meeting	Date
	Social Affairs	2060	15/12/1997

Key events			
23/09/1997	Legislative proposal published	COM(1997)0457	Summary
20/10/1997	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
03/11/1997	Vote in committee		
19/11/1997	Decision by Parliament	T4-0553/1997	Summary
15/12/1997	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		
15/12/1997	End of procedure in Parliament		
16/01/1998	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information	
Procedure reference	1997/0238(CNS)
Procedure type	CNS - Consultation procedure
Procedure subtype	Legislation
Legislative instrument	Directive
	Repealed by 2008/0141(COD)
Legal basis	Rules of Procedure EP 52-p1; EC before Amsterdam E 100
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed

Documentation gateway					
Legislative proposal		COM(1997)0457	23/09/1997	EC	Summary
Economic and Social Committee: opinion, report		CES1181/1997	29/10/1997	ESC	Summary
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		T4-0553/1997 OJ C 371 08.12.1997, p. 0046-0074	19/11/1997	EP	Summary

Additional information	
European Commission	EUR-Lex

Final act
Directive 1997/74 OJ L 010 16.01.1998, p. 0022 Summary

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OBJECTIVE: extension of Council Directive 94/45/EC on the European Works Council to the United Kingdom. SUBSTANCE: Following the conclusion of the Amsterdam Treaty providing for the incorporation in the Treaty of the Protocol on social policy and the decision by the United Kingdom to accede to the social provisions of the new Treaty, the Commission proposes the extension of Council Directive 94/45/EC on the establishment of a European Works Council to that country. Extension of the Directive does not alter the material content of Directive 94/45/EC, though technical adjustments are necessary in order to take account of the transnational character of certain provisions of the Directive. The fifteen Member States would have two years in which to transpose the Directive following the date of its adoption.?

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The European Parliament approved the proposal for a directive without debate.?

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OBJECTIVE: to extend Directive 94/45/EC on the European Works Council to the United Kingdom. COMMUNITY MEASURE: Council Directive 97/74/EC on the extension to the United Kingdom of Council Directive 94/45/EC on the establishment of a European Works Council or a procedure in Community-scale undertakings and Community-scale groups of undertakings for the purposes of informing and consulting employees. CONTENT: following the conclusion of the Amsterdam Treaty providing for the incorporation in the Treaty of the Protocol on social policy and the decision by the United Kingdom to accede to the social provisions of the new Treaty, this directive seeks to extend Directive 94/45/EC on the establishment of a European Works Council (cf. "fiche de procédure" SYN94113) to the United Kingdom. Extension of the Directive to the United Kingdom does not alter the material content of the basic text, although technical adjustments are necessary in order to take account of the transnational character of certain provisions of the Directive (number of members of the special negotiating body increased from 17 to 18). ENTRY INTO FORCE: Member States have until 15 December 1999 to transpose the Directive into national legislation.?