Procedure file

Basic information

COD - Ordinary legislative procedure (ex-codecision procedure) Directive	1998/0029(COD)	Procedure completed
Noise pollution: noise emission by equipment used outdoors Amended by 2005/0149(COD) Amended by 2013/0048(COD) Subject 3.70.07 Noise pollution		

Key players

European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
	ENVI Environment, Public Health, Consumer Policy		
	Former committee responsible		
	ENVI Environment, Public Health and Consumer Protection		
	Former committee for opinion		
	BUDG Budgets	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
	ECON Economic and Monetary Affairs, Industrial Policy	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
Council of the European Union	Council configuration	Meeting	Date
	Agriculture and Fisheries	2240	24/01/2000
	Environment	2194	24/06/1999

Key events

18/02/1998	Legislative proposal published	COM(1998)0046	Summary
09/03/1998	Committee referral announced in Parliament, 1st reading		
18/03/1998	Vote in committee, 1st reading		
01/04/1998	Decision by Parliament, 1st reading	T4-0189/1998	Summary
24/01/2000	Council position published	11256/1/1999	Summary
03/02/2000	Committee referral announced in Parliament, 2nd reading		
23/02/2000	Vote in committee, 2nd reading		
15/03/2000	Decision by Parliament, 2nd reading	T5-0093/2000	Summary

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

Procedure reference	1998/0029(COD)
Procedure type	COD - Ordinary legislative procedure (ex-codecision procedure)
Procedure subtype	Legislation
Legislative instrument	Directive
	Amended by 2005/0149(COD) Amended by 2013/0048(COD)
Legal basis	EC Treaty (after Amsterdam) EC 095; Rules of Procedure EP 66_o-p4; Rules of Procedure EP 52-p1
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	ENVI/5/12442

Documentation gateway

Legislative proposal		COM(1998)0046 OJ C 124 22.04.1998, p. 0001	18/02/1998	EC	Summary
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		T4-0189/1998 OJ C 138 04.05.1998, p. 0076-0084	01/04/1998	EP	Summary
Economic and Social Committee: opinion, report		CES1119/1998 OJ C 407 28.12.1998, p. 0018	10/09/1998	ESC	
Council position		11256/1/1999 OJ C 083 22.03.2000, p. 0001	24/01/2000	CSL	Summary
Commission communication on Council's position		SEC(2000)0132	28/01/2000	EC	Summary
Text adopted by Parliament, 2nd reading		T5-0093/2000 OJ C 377 29.12.2000, p. 0044-0141	15/03/2000	EP	Summary
Follow-up document		COM(2020)0715	16/11/2020	EC	
Follow-up document		SWD(2020)0266	16/11/2020	EC	
Follow-up document		SWD(2020)0267	16/11/2020	EC	

Additional information

European Commission	EUR-Lex

Final act

Directive 2000/14
OJ L 162 03.07.2000, p. 0001 Summary

Delegated acts

2023/2997(DEA)	Examination of delegated act

Noise pollution: noise emission by equipment used outdoors

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. ?

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Parliament approved the proposal (procedure without report). ?

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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.?

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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.?

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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

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, weilding 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 that 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.?