

# Procedure file

Basic information		
CNS - Consultation procedure Decision	<a href="#">2000/0082(CNS)</a>	Procedure completed
Long range transboundary air pollution: heavy metals. 1998 Protocol to the 1979 Convention		
Subject 3.70.02 Atmospheric pollution, motor vehicle pollution		

Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
	<b>ENVI</b> Environment, Public Health, Consumer Policy		19/06/2000
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Council of the European Union	Council configuration	Meeting	Date
	<a href="#">Transport, Telecommunications and Energy</a>	<a href="#">2340</a>	04/04/2001
European Commission	Commission DG <a href="#">Environment</a>	Commissioner	

Key events			
12/04/2000	Legislative proposal published	COM(2000)0177	Summary
07/07/2000	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
09/10/2000	Vote in committee		
24/10/2000	Decision by Parliament	<a href="#">T5-0450/2000</a>	Summary
04/04/2001	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		
04/04/2001	End of procedure in Parliament		
17/05/2001	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information	
Procedure reference	2000/0082(CNS)
Procedure type	CNS - Consultation procedure
Procedure subtype	International agreement
Legislative instrument	Decision
Legal basis	EC Treaty (after Amsterdam) EC 300-p2/3-a1; Rules of Procedure EP 52-p1;

	EC Treaty (after Amsterdam) EC 174-p4
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	ENVI/5/12932

#### Documentation gateway

Legislative proposal		<a href="#">COM(2000)0177</a> <a href="#">OJ C 311 31.10.2000, p. 0136 E</a>	12/04/2000	EC	Summary
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		<a href="#">T5-0450/2000</a> <a href="#">OJ C 197 12.07.2001, p. 0022-0074</a>	24/10/2000	EP	Summary

#### Additional information

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

[Decision 2001/379](#)  
[OJ L 134 17.05.2001, p. 0040](#) Summary

## Long range transboundary air pollution: heavy metals. 1998 Protocol to the 1979 Convention

**PURPOSE :** To approve the 1998 Protocol to the 1979 Convention on the Long Range Transboundary Air Pollution On Heavy Metals.  
**CONTENT :** The Protocol was signed by the Community in 1998 and aims to control emissions of heavy metals caused by anthropogenic activities that are subject to long-range transboundary atmospheric transport and that are likely to have significant adverse effects on human health or the environment. The Protocol stipulates the reduction of total annual emissions into the atmosphere of cadmium, lead and mercury, and the application of product control measures. Several pieces of Community legislation are affected by the Protocol, and most legislation needed to comply with its provisions are already in place. The new directive on waste incineration will fill the remaining gaps. The Proposal for this Directive is expected to be adopted in the summer of 2000. The Protocol may therefore be approved after the adoption of the Proposal.?

## Long range transboundary air pollution: heavy metals. 1998 Protocol to the 1979 Convention

This proposal was adopted without amendment. (Procedure without report).?

## Long range transboundary air pollution: heavy metals. 1998 Protocol to the 1979 Convention

**PURPOSE :** to conclude a Protocol (1998) to the 1979 Convention on air pollution. **COMMUNITY MEASURE :** Council Decision 2001/379/EC on the approval, on behalf of the European Community, of the Protocol to the 1979 Convention on Long-range Transboundary Air Pollution on Heavy Metals. **CONTENT :** the Council adopted a Decision whereby the Protocol to the 1979 Convention on Long-range Transboundary Air Pollution on Heavy Metals, which was signed in Aarhus on 24 June 1998, is approved on behalf of the European Community. The Community has been part of the Convention since 1982. The Protocol aims at controlling emissions of heavy metals caused by anthropogenic activities that are subject to long-range transboundary atmospheric transport and that are likely to have significant adverse effects on human health or the environment. The Protocol stipulates the reduction of total annual emissions of cadmium, lead and mercury into the atmosphere, and the application of products control measures. **ENTRY INTO FORCE :** the Protocol shall enter into force as soon as all the necessary procedures to this effect have been completed.?