




Procedure file

Basic information	
COD - Ordinary legislative procedure (ex-codecision procedure) Decision	2006/0178(COD) Procedure completed
Classification of wood in the rough	
Subject 2.10.03 Standardisation, EC/EU standards and trade mark, certification, compliance 3.10.11 Forestry policy	

Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
	 Internal Market and Consumer Protection		19/12/2006
		PSE MCCARTHY Arlene	
	Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
	 Agriculture and Rural Development	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
Council of the European Union	Council configuration	Meeting	Date
	Competitiveness (Internal Market, Industry, Research and Space)	2801	21/05/2007
European Commission	Commission DG	Commissioner	
	Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs	VERHEUGEN Günter	

Key events			
29/09/2006	Legislative proposal published	COM(2006)0557	Summary
12/10/2006	Committee referral announced in Parliament, 1st reading		
24/01/2007	Vote in committee, 1st reading		Summary
29/01/2007	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading	A6-0017/2007	
13/02/2007	Results of vote in Parliament		
13/02/2007	Decision by Parliament, 1st reading	T6-0024/2007	Summary
21/05/2007	Act adopted by Council after Parliament's 1st reading		
20/06/2007	Final act signed		
20/06/2007	End of procedure in Parliament		

23/06/2007

Final act published in Official Journal

Technical information

Procedure reference	2006/0178(COD)
Procedure type	COD - Ordinary legislative procedure (ex-codecision procedure)
Procedure subtype	Legislation
Legislative instrument	Decision
Legal basis	EC Treaty (after Amsterdam) EC 095
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	IMCO/6/41175

Documentation gateway

Legislative proposal	COM(2006)0557	29/09/2006	EC	Summary
Committee draft report	PE382.582	08/01/2007	EP	
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A6-0017/2007	29/01/2007	EP	
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading	T6-0024/2007	13/02/2007	EP	Summary
Economic and Social Committee: opinion, report	CES0420/2007	14/03/2007	ESC	
Draft final act	03605/1/2007	20/06/2007	CSL	

Additional information

National parliaments	IPEX
European Commission	EUR-Lex

Final act

[Decision 2007/714](#)
[OJ L 163 23.06.2007, p. 0016](#) Summary

Classification of wood in the rough

PURPOSE : to repeal Directive 68/89/EEC on the approximation of the laws of the Member States concerning the classification of wood in the rough.

PROPOSED ACT : Decision of the European Parliament and of the Council.

CONTENT : Community policies on better regulation stress the importance of simplification of national and European legislation. The Commission has reviewed the implementation and application of Council Directive 68/89/EEC, adopted on 23rd January 1968, on the approximation of the laws of the Member States concerning the classification of wood in the rough. It has concluded that the legislation should be repealed. Results of a survey by the Commission show that the Directive is not applied to the timber trade. The main reasons mentioned by Member States and industry for not applying the Directive were the following:

- the methods of measurement and classification provided by the Directive differ from the methods applied by enterprises in the sector;
- the classifications by dimensions and by quality provided by the Directive are not detailed enough and are too abstract;
- the classifications provided by the Directive do not take into account the intended uses of wood and are not adapted to market needs;
- European standards for quality and measurement are considered a better option.

Based on the results of this survey, it seems clear that the Directive does not have general application.

Directive 68/89/EEC is not necessary for internal market trade or trade with third countries and no obstacle to trade resulting from the used

methods of measurement or classification has been noted in the sector concerned. Therefore, it was decided not to replace the Directive by other legislative measures or to modify it.

The Commission proposes the repeal of the Directive with effect from 31 December 2008.

It is important that the repeal of Directive 68/89/EEC be followed by the repeal of the corresponding national implementing measures, in order to have the desired practical effect. The mark 'EEC classified' will no longer be available for use.

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The committee adopted the report by Arlene McCARTHY (PES, UK) approving unamended - under the 1st reading of the codecision procedure - the proposed decision repealing Council Directive 68/89/EEC on the approximation of the laws of the Member States concerning the classification of wood in the rough.

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The European Parliament adopted a resolution drafted by Arlene McCARTHY (PES, UK) approving the proposed decision repealing Council Directive 68/89/EEC on the approximation of the laws of the Member States concerning the classification of wood in the rough. The resolution was passed with 570 votes in favour to none against with 7 abstentions.

Classification of wood in the rough

PURPOSE: to repeal Directive 68/89/EEC on the approximation of the laws of the Member States concerning the classification of wood in the rough.

LEGISLATIVE ACT: Decision No 714/2007/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council repealing Council Directive 68/89/EEC on the approximation of the laws of the Member States concerning the classification of wood in the rough.

CONTENT: The Council adopted a Decision repealing, with effect from 31 December 2008, Council Directive 68/89/EEC on the approximation of the laws of the Member States concerning the classification of wood in the rough.

Directive 68/69/EEC is repealed because the methods of measurement and classification it lays down differ from the methods of measurement and classification generally and currently applied in transactions between undertakings in the forestry sector and forest-based industries. They have also been found not to be suitable for market needs. As a result, after 31 December 2008, the mark 'EEC classified' will no longer be available for use in marketing.

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