


Procedure file

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22/11/1993	Committee report tabled for plenary confirming Parliament's position	A3-0364/1993	
02/12/1993	Decision by Parliament, 1st reading	T3-0681/1993	Summary
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Additional information

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The Committee adopted, with some modifications, the draft report by Mr Carlos Perreau de Pinninck Domenech (RDE/E). The rapporteur recalled that, when Directive No 85/611/EEC was adopted, it was agreed that it would subsequently be amended to provide, inter alia, for the inclusion within its scope of application of certain types of UCITS which were not covered. He welcomed the proposal, but felt that some aspects needed correction, particularly with a view to strengthening the guarantees offered to shareholders. One of the important modifications proposed in the report related to placement in the form of deposits with credit institutions: the proposal for a Directive made it possible for UCITS freely to place up to 100% of their assets in the form of deposits with credit institutions (cash funds). On the other hand, the report proposed that a UCITS should not be able to invest more than 20% of its assets in deposits with credit institutions. With regard to that percentage, however, a derogation was granted to UCITS complying with certain specific conditions. Another derogation was granted in connection with the placement of accessory liquid assets held by a UCITS of any type. Moreover, with regard to 'funds of funds' (UCITS which placed their assets in shares issued by other UCITS), the report proposed a derogation from the rule whereby a UCITS fund might not place more than 20% of its assets in a single UCITS, going so far as to allow, in certain cases, placement of all the assets of a UCITS's fund in a single UCITS ('feeder funds'). ?

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Parliament adopted the report by Mr Perreau de Pinninck Domenech. Although the proposal offered UCITS the possibility of freely placing up to 100% of their assets as deposits with credit institutions (cash funds), Parliament felt that a UCITS should not be able to invest more than 20% of its assets in deposits of that type, with an exception in the case of UCITS that complied with certain specific conditions. On the other hand, Parliament called for UCITS to be able to place more than 20% of their assets in shares issued by other UCITS ('feeder funds'). ?

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In its first reading under the codecision procedure, the European Parliament confirmed its vote of 2 March 1993. ?

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The amended proposal incorporated the majority of the amendments tabled by the European Parliament and contained many changes with respect to the original proposal: - Ucits could currently invest up to 25% of their assets in deposits with credit institutions; furthermore, the scope of the directive was extended to include funds that placed all of their assets in deposits with credit institutions and master-feeder funds; - the entire text of the definition of "transferable securities" included in the directive on investment services was included in the directive; - it was established that derivative instruments were neither transferable securities nor money market instruments; - Ucits were free to choose a depositary established in another Member State if it was approved under the directive on investment services or the second banking directive; - procedures were introduced with a view to organising the supervision of depositaries offering their services to unit trusts and investment companies within the framework of cross-border activities; - in general, the money market instruments should be admitted to official listing on a stock exchange or dealt in on regulated markets, or issued or guaranteed by public institutions or high-level bodies; the instruments issued by an undertaking the securities of which had been admitted to official listing on a stock market or dealt in on other regulated markets, as well as instruments issued by an establishment subject to prudential supervision could also be admitted; - Ucits had the possibility of investing a certain proportion of their assets in deposits with credit institutions (25% of their assets); - the concept of "pure cash funds" was introduced, which were authorised to place all their assets in deposits with credit institutions, subject to diversification of their investments; - the threshold of 10% of the voting rights for the acquisition of shares from a single issuer through a management or investment company was changed to a "presumption" of significant influence; - the concepts of master fund and feeder fund were introduced; it was proposed that the Member States should authorise a Ucits fund (feeder fund) to invest its assets in units issued by one single Ucits (master fund); - the delineation of responsibilities was clarified for cases where the depositary was a credit institution or investment company that was not established in the Member State of the Ucits. ?

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The Council agreed to inform the Commission and the European Parliament by letter that it was unable to arrive at a common position on the proposal for a directive amending Directive 85/611/EEC on the coordination of laws, regulations and administrative provisions relating to undertakings for collective investment in transferable securities (UCITS). Discussions in the Council bodies have revealed, inter alia, the need for a more detailed examination of certain technical aspects of the subject and for the internal consistency of the text to be improved. The Council called upon the Commission to carry out this examination and to submit appropriate proposals to it.

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This proposal was withdrawn by the Commission because it was no longer considered to be of relevance. ?