

Procedure file

Basic information	
COD - Ordinary legislative procedure (ex-codecision procedure) Directive	Procedure completed
Legal units of measurement of the Système international SI, supplementary after 31/12/1999 (amend. Directive 80/181/EEC)	
Subject 2.10.03 Standardisation, EC/EU standards and trade mark, certification, compliance	

Key players			
European Parliament	Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
	ENVI Environment, Public Health and Consumer Protection	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
Council of the European Union	Council configuration	Meeting	Date
	Fisheries	2237	16/12/1999
	Competitiveness (Internal Market, Industry, Research and Space)	1815	08/12/1994

Key events			
08/12/1994	Debate in Council	1815	
03/02/1999	Legislative proposal published	COM(1999)0040	Summary
24/02/1999	Committee referral announced in Parliament, 1st reading		
07/12/1999	Vote in committee, 1st reading		Summary
06/12/1999	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading	A5-0091/1999	
15/12/1999	Decision by Parliament, 1st reading	T5-0150/1999	Summary
16/12/1999	Act adopted by Council after Parliament's 1st reading		
22/12/1999	Final act signed		
24/01/2000	End of procedure in Parliament		
09/02/2000	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information	
Procedure reference	1999/0014(COD)

Procedure type	COD - Ordinary legislative procedure (ex-codecision procedure)
Procedure subtype	Legislation
Legislative instrument	Directive
Legal basis	EC Treaty (after Amsterdam) EC 095
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed

Documentation gateway

Legislative proposal		COM(1999)0040 OJ C 089 30.03.1999, p. 0008	04/02/1999	EC	Summary
Economic and Social Committee: opinion, report		CES0444/1999 OJ C 169 16.06.1999, p. 0001	28/04/1999	ESC	
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		A5-0091/1999 OJ C 296 18.10.2000, p. 0007	07/12/1999	EP	
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		T5-0150/1999 OJ C 296 18.10.2000, p. 0035-0092	15/12/1999	EP	Summary

Additional information

European Commission	EUR-Lex
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Final act

[Directive 1999/103](#)
[OJ L 034 09.02.2000, p.](#) Summary

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PURPOSE: to amend Council Directive 80/181/EEC on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to units of measurement.
CONTENT: the Commission proposes two kinds of amendments. These are aligning Directive 80/181/EEC to international agreements and decisions, and extending the deadline concerning the use of supplementary indications. It is necessary to bring the Directive into line with agreements and decisions made at international level on units of the SI and their practical use. In addition, it is important that the time limit for the use of supplementary indications is extended until 31 December 2009. Moreover, the inclusion of a new Article 6a, obliges the Commission to re-examine the Directive and its operation and to adopt appropriate measures if necessary. It is also proposed that the re-evaluation and adoption of measures shall be carried out in consultation with the Committee set up by Directive 71/316/EEC (the framework Directive for legal metrology affairs) according to the procedure laid down by that Directive.?

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The committee adopted the report (codecision procedure, first reading) by Mr Giles Bryan CHICHESTER (EPP/ED, UK) approving the Commission proposal amending the existing directive on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to units of measurement. Most of the proposed modifications enacted updates decided by the International Standards Organisation (ISO) and were technical in nature. The use of additional labellings in non-metric units had also been included in the original directive but only as a provisional measure, which was due to expire on 31 December 1999. However, it needed to be extended, as the reasons for its existence still applied. The Commission proposal provided for a further period of ten years, which met with the committee's approval. The report pointed out that, to avoid any legal uncertainty from 1 January 2000, the directive should enter into force as soon as possible. Under the new rules of the Amsterdam Treaty, approval of the Commission proposal by both the Council and Parliament without any amendments would allow the directive to be adopted with only one reading. The committee took the view that this was both feasible and desirable.?

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PURPOSE: to amend Council Directive 80/181/EEC on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to units of measurement. COMMUNITY MEASURE: Directive 1999/103/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council. CONTENT: the amendments introduced by the Council concern two aspects : - on the one hand, the text of the Council Directive 80/181/EEC should be brought into line with the international agreements and standards of the Conférence générale des poids et mesures (1991) and The International Organisation for Standardisation (ISO); - on the other hand, the extension of the deadline for the use of the supplementary indications in non-legal units until 31/12/2009. The Commission shall re-examine the application of the Directive, and, if necessary adopt the appropriate measures in accordance with the procedure referred to in Article 18 of Council Directive 71/316/EEC (the framework directive for legal metrology questions). ENRTY INTO FORCE: 09/02/2001.?