

Assessment and management of environmental noise

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22 of the 37 amendments proposed by the European Parliament were accepted by the Commission. 16 of these amendments have been incorporated in the common position. The Council accepted all amendments which allowed transitional arrangements for noise assessment, and which reduced the burden of information required from Member States. It also accepted in principle the amendments strengthening arrangements for public consultation, and many of the amendments which offered small extensions to the remit of the proposal, as well as those which usefully clarified the definitions. The Council did not accept the amendments proposing daughter directives on new limit values on noise emissions from source, because it would be premature to set limit values in this proposal. There is currently not sufficient harmonised information about noise to be able to set limit values for Europe. It should suffice at this stage to establish noise maps and action plans around airports and to envisage submitting proposals for more stringent noise emission limits for aircraft.