

Safety and health at work: exposure of workers to mechanical vibrations

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Of the amendments tabled by the European Parliament during its second reading of the proposed Directive on vibrations the Commission is able to accept three in full, one in part and four are rejected. Of the later four the Commission can accept two in principle if they are redrafted in parts. Those accepted in full refer inter alia, to "vibration reducing handles" and "information of the employer". Concerning transitional periods and the consultation of social partners the Commission feels it can accept aspects of this in principle only. Those amendments not accepted relate to "limit values", parts relating to transitional periods (the Commission feels SMEs are entitled to more time in which to transpose the requirements of the Directive) and lastly "justifications on derogations and collection of best practices and assessment". Concerning the agricultural and forestry sector the Commission rejects this amendment since it would exclude workers of the two highest risk sectors from the benefits of the Directive.