

Recreational craft industry: exhaust and noise emissions from boat engines (amend. Directive 94/25/EC)

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The amendments accepted by the Commission concern those which : - provide editorial consistency with the terminology used elsewhere in the Common Position concerning "placing on the market and/or putting into service"; - refer to the 3dB allowance for noise limits is accepted as it re-instates the original provision in the Commission's original proposal concerning the application of this allowance to all types of engines. Those amendments rejected by the Commission concern in particular those which : - seek to exclude craft 'for own use' undergoing major craft conversion from the noise emission requirements; - call for the introduction of national support policies to encourage the use of synthetic biodegradable lubrication oils and for the introduction of EU measures during the review of the Directive. The issue of encouraging more environment-friendly techniques has been acknowledged in substance and taken up in more detailed and all encompassing Article 2; - require the deletion of the provisions relating to comitology and are, therefore, contrary to the principles of the Council Decision of 28 June 1999 laying down the procedures for the exercise of implementing powers conferred on the Commission (1999/468/EC); - need to exclude steam powered craft from the scope of the design and construction requirements of the Directive; - seek to exempt engines on craft built for own use from the relevant exhaust emission requirements; - seek to limit the scope of recreational craft that can make use of the alternative method to demonstrate compliance with the noise emission requirements and would be consistent with the rest of the proposal; - seek to change the timing and the scope of the future work to be undertaken by the Commission to further reduce emissions and review the boat design categories.