Industrial property: legal protection of designs

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The Commission's opinion accepted Parliament's amendments which sought to: - specify that the individual character of a design or model should be based on whether there is an overall different impression (and not a clear overall different impression) between it and a previous design or model; - limit the protection of component parts of complex products to those parts which remain visible during normal use of the latter; - interpret the concept of 'normal use' restrictively: it should cover use by the final user, except for maintenance, service or repair; - clarify that the total term of protection for designs is 25 years from the date of filing; - re-introduce the repair clause; - provide for the free movement of component parts which are commercialised pursuant to the repair clause.