

Noise pollution: noise emission by equipment used outdoors

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OBJECTIVE: the proposal for a directive seeks to contribute to the smooth functioning of the internal market and achieve health protection by reducing noise levels in the environment and simplify existing legislation concerning equipment used outdoors (for example construction machines and lawnmowers) and to create a framework for the reduction of noise emissions from this equipment. **SUBSTANCE:** the framework directive proposes various measures to achieve the required objectives. - information of the public by marking all the equipment concerned (55 types) indicating guaranteed sound levels; - limiting sound emissions by imposing noise limits on certain products: admissible noise limits would enter into force in two stages (the second stage commencing 48 months after the first) for 19 types of equipment; - harmonization of conformity assessment procedures - collection of data concerning noise emissions by equipment so as to assess more accurately their acoustic impact and the technical possibilities of reducing noise levels.