Machinery. Recast

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The European Parliament adopted a resolution drafted by Rainer WIELAND (EPP-ED, Germany) on the Commission's proposal. (Please refer to the summary dated 28/05/02.) Parliament clarified in the recitals the fact that the directive does not apply to industrial sites taken as a whole. It also pointed out that there is no Community legislation on fairground machinery and felt that the Commission should propose to bring such equipment within the scope of the directive. Parliament went on to state that purchasers should be given the best possible chance to select the machinery providing the best guarantee of a healthy and safe working environment. This may be done by compiling databases of machinery on the market, which contain information relating to the health and safety requirements laid down in the directive. The Commission should authorise CEN to establish and maintain such databases. On the question of market surveillance, Parliament has inserted a provision that Member States must ensure that machinery will be placed on the market only if it complies with the directive, when properly installed and maintained. There must be competent authorities established to monitor conformity.