

Basic information	
1991/0348(COD) COD - Ordinary legislative procedure (ex-codecision procedure) Directive	Procedure completed
Motor vehicles and trailers: masses and dimensions Repealed by 2008/0100(COD) Subject 3.40.03 Motor industry, cycle and motorcycle, commercial and agricultural vehicles	

Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
	ECON Economic and Monetary Affairs, Industrial Policy	BARTON Roger (PSE)	22/01/1997
Council of the European Union	Council configuration	Meetings	Date
	Competitiveness (Internal Market, Industry, Research and Space)	2007	1997-05-21
	Telecommunications	1972	1996-11-28

Key events			
Date	Event	Reference	Summary
08/07/1991	Legislative proposal published	COM(1991)0239 	Summary
09/09/1991	Committee referral announced in Parliament, 1st reading		
22/01/1992	Vote in committee, 1st reading		
10/02/1992	Debate in Parliament		
28/11/1996	Council position published	09451/1996	Summary
12/12/1996	Committee referral announced in Parliament, 2nd reading		
20/03/1997	Vote in committee, 2nd reading		Summary
20/03/1997	Committee recommendation tabled for plenary, 2nd reading	A4-0102/1997	
08/04/1997	Debate in Parliament		Summary
21/05/1997	Act approved by Council, 2nd reading		
22/07/1997	Final act signed		
22/07/1997	End of procedure in Parliament		

25/08/1997	Final act published in Official Journal		
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Technical information	
Procedure reference	1991/0348(COD)
Procedure type	COD - Ordinary legislative procedure (ex-codecision procedure)
Procedure subtype	Legislation
Legislative instrument	Directive
Amendments and repeals	Repealed by 2008/0100(COD)
Legal basis	EC Treaty (before Amsterdam) E 100A
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	ECON/4/08492

Documentation gateway				
European Parliament				
Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		A3-0022/1992 OJ C 067 16.03.1992, p. 0005	22/01/1992	
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		T3-0058/1992 OJ C 067 16.03.1992, p. 0056-0081	12/02/1992	Summary
Committee recommendation tabled for plenary, 2nd reading		A4-0102/1997 OJ C 132 28.04.1997, p. 0007	20/03/1997	
Text adopted by Parliament, 2nd reading		T4-0146/1997 OJ C 132 28.04.1997, p. 0067-0087	09/04/1997	Summary
Council of the EU				
Document type		Reference	Date	Summary
Council position		09451/1996 OJ C 041 10.02.1997, p. 0005	28/11/1996	Summary
European Commission				
Document type		Reference	Date	Summary
Legislative proposal		COM(1991)0239  OJ C 230 04.09.1991, p. 0046	08/07/1991	Summary
Reconsultation		COM(1993)0570 	10/11/1993	
Commission communication on Council's position		SEC(1996)2292 	09/12/1996	
		COM(1997)0229		

Commission opinion on Parliament's position at 2nd reading			22/05/1997	
Other institutions and bodies				
Institution/body	Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
EESC	Economic and Social Committee: opinion, report	CES1503/1991 OJ C 049 24.02.1992, p. 0005	18/12/1991	Summary
EU	Implementing legislative act	32003L0019 OJ L 079 26.03.2003, p. 0006-0013	21/03/2003	Summary

Additional information		
Source	Document	Date
European Commission	EUR-Lex	

Final act	
Directive 1997/0027 OJ L 233 25.08.1997, p. 0001	Summary

Motor vehicles and trailers: masses and dimensions

1991/0348(COD) - 21/03/2003 - Implementing legislative act

COMMUNITY MEASURE : Commission Directive 2003/19/EC amending, for the purposes of adapting to technical progress, Directive 97/27/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council relating to the masses and dimensions of certain categories of motor vehicles and their trailers. CONTENT : in the light of experience gained with the application of Directive 97/27/EC, it is necessary to amend and to specify more precisely certain provisions contained therein in order to ensure uniform interpretation in all Member States. Annexes I to IV to Directive 97/27/EC are amended in accordance with the Annex to this Directive. With effect from 1 October 2003, in the case of vehicles which comply with the requirements of Directive 97/27/EC, as amended by this Directive, Member States shall not, on grounds relating to the masses and dimensions: a) refuse, in respect of a type of motor vehicle of category M2, M3, N or O, to grant EC type-approval or national type approval; or b) refuse, in respect of a type of motor vehicle of category M2, M3, N or O, to assign registration/in-service masses in accordance with Annex IV (where required); or c) prohibit the registration, sale or entry into service of such vehicles. With effect from 1 October 2004, Member States shall not grant EC type-approval, and may refuse to grant national type-approval, for a type of vehicle of category M2, M3, N or O on grounds relating to its masses and dimensions, if the requirements of Directive 97/27/EC, as amended by this Directive, are not fulfilled. The United Kingdom and Portugal may, within their territory until 9 March 2005, refuse to grant national type-approval of a vehicle type, or refuse or prohibit the sale, registration, entry into service or use of a vehicle, or consider its certificate of conformity as not valid within the meaning of Article 7, paragraph 1 of Directive 70/156/EEC if the vehicle does not comply with the manoeuvrability criteria specified in Article 8 (a) of Directive 96/53/EC, amended by the European Parliament and Council Directive 2002/7/EC. ENTRY INTO FORCE : 15 April 2003. TRANSPOSITION : 30 September 2003.

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1991/0348(COD) - 12/02/1992 - Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading

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1991/0348(COD) - 18/12/1991 - Economic and Social Committee: opinion, report

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1991/0348(COD) - 22/07/1997 - Final act

OBJECTIVE: the Directive seeks to introduce regulations on construction and design, and the calculation methods to be employed by manufacturers, for the purpose of obtaining EC type-approval in respect of the masses and dimensions of motor vehicles other than private cars. The Directive is intended to complement the requirements for full EC type-approval of commercial vehicles and trailers. **COMMUNITY MEASURE:** European Parliament and Council Directive 97/27/EC on the masses and dimensions of certain categories of motor vehicles and their trailers, amending Directive 70/156/EEC. **CONTENT:** La Directive incorporates, with respect to vehicle dimensions, references to the values set in Directive 96/53/EC. It also takes account, for purposes of vehicle type-approval, of the exemptions provided for by that Directive. Regarding masses, the Directive creates an evolutive framework enabling harmonised masses to be incorporated once they have been fixed under Directive 96/53/EC. The framework in question is Annex IV, which introduces a uniform procedure for determining registration-in-service maximum permissible mass in each Member State. The procedure is to serve for determining not only the maximum mass of the laden vehicle but also the maximum mass on the axle, the maximum towable mass and the maximum laden mass of a tractor/trailer combination. The Directive emphasises the need to ensure a high level of public safety and to seek constant improvements in safety, particularly with regard to certain types of trailers. **DATE OF ENTRY INTO FORCE:** 22/07/1997.

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1991/0348(COD) - 08/07/1991 - Legislative proposal

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1991/0348(COD) - 28/11/1996 - Council position

The common position of the Council, in keeping with the spirit of Parliament's first-reading amendments, incorporates, with respect to vehicle dimensions, references to the values set in Directive 96/53/EC. It also takes account, for purposes of vehicle type-approval, of the exemptions provided for by that Directive. Regarding masses, the common position creates an evolutive framework enabling harmonized masses to be incorporated once they have been fixed under Directive 96/53/EC. The framework in question is Annex IV, which introduces a uniform procedure for determining registration-in-service maximum permissible mass in each Member State. The procedure is to serve for determining not only the maximum mass of the laden vehicle but also the maximum mass on the axle, the maximum towable mass, and the maximum laden mass of a tractor-trailer combination. The Directive's technical aspects, notably mass distribution calculations and the procedures concerning incomplete vehicles, are the result of adaptation. In addition, all technical concepts relating to masses and dimensions have been clarified. Finally, the Council identified five features which ought to be covered by masses-and-dimensions legislation, but require closer examination. These features are listed in a statement inviting the Commission to carry out such examination within the Committee for adaptation to technical progress.

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1991/0348(COD) - 09/04/1997 - Text adopted by Parliament, 2nd reading

Adopting the recommendation for second reading by Mr Roger BARTON (PSE, UK), Parliament approved the Council Common Position on the Directive relating to the masses and dimensions of motor vehicles, while emphasizing the need: - to ensure a high level of public safety; - to seek constant improvements in safety, particularly with regard to certain types of trailers.