Basic information

1993/0472(COD) COD - Ordinary legislative procedure (ex-codecision procedure) Directive	Procedure lapsed or withdrawn
Articles made of precious metal **Subject** 2.10.03 Standardisation, EC/EU standards and trade mark, certification, compliance	

Key players

Council of the European Union	**Council configuration**	**Meetings**	**Date**
	Competitiveness (Internal Market, Industry, Research and Space)	1769	1994-06-16
	Consumers	1838	1995-03-30
European Commission	**Commission DG**		**Commissioner**
	Financial Stability, Financial Services and Capital Markets Union		

Key events

Date	Event	Reference	Summary
14/10/1993	Legislative proposal published	COM(1993)0322	Summary
16/11/1993	Committee referral announced in Parliament, 1st reading		
29/03/1994	Vote in committee, 1st reading		Summary
18/04/1994	Debate in Parliament		
16/06/1994	Debate in Council		
30/06/1994	Modified legislative proposal published	COM(1994)0267	Summary
30/03/1995	Debate in Council		Summary
27/10/1999	Debate in Parliament		Summary
06/08/2004	Additional information		Summary

Technical information

Procedure reference	1993/0472(COD)
Procedure type	COD - Ordinary legislative procedure (ex-codecision procedure)

Procedure subtype	Legislation
Legislative instrument	Directive
Legal basis	EC Treaty (after Amsterdam) EC 095
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure lapsed or withdrawn
Committee dossier	ECON/3/05071

Documentation gateway

European Parliament

Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		A3-0191/1994 OJ C 128 09.05.1994, p. 0009	29/03/1994	
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		T3-0216/1994 OJ C 128 09.05.1994, p. 0036-0067	19/04/1994	Summary

European Commission

Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
Legislative proposal	COM(1993)0322 OJ C 318 25.11.1993, p. 0005	14/10/1993	Summary
Reconsultation	COM(1993)0570	10/11/1993	
Modified legislative proposal	COM(1994)0267 OJ C 209 29.07.1994, p. 0004	30/06/1994	Summary

Other institutions and bodies

Institution/body	Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
EESC	Economic and Social Committee: opinion, report	CES0386/1994 OJ C 148 30.05.1994, p. 0028	23/03/1994	Summary

Additional information

Source	Document	Date
European Commission	EUR-Lex	

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1993/0472(COD) - 19/04/1994 - Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading

In adopting the report by Mr PIERROS (PPE, GR) with 159 votes in favour, 26 against and 15 abstentions, Parliament made several amendments to the Commission proposal. They aimed to strengthen protection for consumers through greater transparency and harmonisation at Community level. It was particularly important that proposals be made on the conditions for placing articles of precious metals on the market. Due to the extremely frequent fraud in certain third countries, the rapporteur stressed that rigorous checks should be carried out at the borders of the European Union. In order to easily identify the party responsible for placing the articles on the market, the report proposed that the mark of a notified body, which should be established in the Community, be struck on the articles. Further, consumers should be able to identify easily both the manufacturers and the notified bodies. To this end, a register containing all the symbols and marks should be available to them.

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1993/0472(COD) - 30/03/1995

The Council held a policy debate on the proposal for a directive on the approximation of the laws, regulations and administrative provisions of the Member States relating to articles of precious metal. The basis for the debate was a compromise suggested by the Presidency involving two main points, namely: - a requirement that the symbol of the notified body (the assay office) be struck on the article; - the possibility, subject to clearly-defined conditions including the one mentioned above, of the manufacturer himself certifying that his articles conform to the essential requirements of the Directive. The Council noted that there was still disagreement over these basic features of the Directive and instructed the Permanent Representatives Committee to continue examining the proposal with the aim of bringing the delegations' positions closer together.

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1993/0472(COD) - 23/03/1994 - Economic and Social Committee: opinion, report

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1993/0472(COD) - 14/10/1993 - Legislative proposal

1) OBJECTIVE To ensure the free movement of articles of precious metal in the internal market by harmonizing national laws on consumer protection and fair trading. 2) CONTENTS 1. The articles covered by the proposed Directive are: * those made of gold, platinum, palladium and silver, and the same coated with other precious metals, where such articles are intended for the Community consumer; * semi-finished articles of precious metal or those coated with precious metals intended for use in the manufacture of the abovementioned articles. 2. The proposal for a Directive: * establishes the objectives or "essential requirements" (e.g. marking) to be met by the abovementioned articles during manufacture and before they are placed on the market; * lays down the rules relating to the marking of such articles and to certification procedure. 3. Harmonized European standards were drawn up on the basis of the essential requirements by the European standardization bodies. These standards, which are not compulsory, are published in the Official Journal of the European Communities. 4. The procedures for attesting the conformity of articles of precious metal to the essential requirements are based on the modular approach set out in Council Decision 93/465/EEC. Conformity is assessed by the bodies designated by the Member States in accordance with the minimum assessment criteria and notified to the Commission and to the other Member States. 5. Before being placed on the market, articles of precious metal must be struck with: * a fineness mark indicating that they meet the requirements of this proposal; these articles need not, therefore, bear the EC mark. This mark covers the specific surrounds used for each precious metal to identify the metal used; * a sponsor's mark, registered by the Member States and accompanied by a small letter "e", which makes it possible to identify the applicant, the notified body chosen by the applicant, the conformity procedure applied and the date of registration. 6. Where marking is technically difficult, it is replaced by an EC certificate of conformity issued by the manufacturer or by his authorized representative. It indicates the standard of fineness of the precious metal or metals concerned. 7. Any traditional mark may be struck on an article provided that it does not lead to confusion with a fineness mark or sponsor's mark or the letter "e". 8. Penalties imposed by the Member States where they or the notified bodies find that a fineness mark has been affixed improperly or that an EC certificate of conformity has been issued improperly. Source : European Commission - Info92 - 02/96

Articles made of precious metal

1993/0472(COD) - 30/06/1994 - Modified legislative proposal

1) SUBSTANCE 1. The articles covered by the proposed Directive are: * those made of gold, platinum, palladium and silver, and the same coated with other precious metals, where such articles are intended for the Community consumer; * semi-finished articles of precious metal or those coated with precious metals intended for use in the manufacture of the abovementioned articles. 2. The proposal for a Directive: * establishes the objectives or "essential requirements" (e.g. marking) to be met by the abovementioned articles during manufacture and before they are placed on the market; * lays down the rules relating to the marking of such articles and to certification procedures. 3. Harmonised European standards were drawn up on the basis of the essential requirements by the European standardisation bodies. These standards, which are not compulsory, are published in the Official Journal of the European Communities. 4. The procedures for attesting the conformity of articles of precious metal to the essential requirements are based on the modular approach set out in Council Decision 93/465/EEC. Conformity is assessed by the bodies designated by the Member States in accordance with the minimum assessment criteria and notified to the Commission and to the other Member States. 5. Before being placed on the market, articles of precious metal must be struck with: * a fineness mark indicating that they meet the requirements of this proposal; these articles need not, therefore, bear the EC mark. This mark covers the specific surrounds used for each precious metal to identify the metal used; * a sponsor's mark, registered by the Member States and accompanied by a small letter "e", which makes it possible to identify the applicant, the notified body chosen by the applicant, the conformity procedure applied and the date of registration. 6. Where marking is technically difficult, it is replaced by an EC certificate of conformity issued by the manufacturer or by his authorised representative. It indicates the standard of fineness of the precious metal or metals concerned. 7. Any

traditional mark may be struck on an article provided that it does not lead to confusion with a fineness mark or sponsor's mark or the letter "e". 8. Penalties are imposed by the Member States where they or the notified bodies find that a fineness mark has been affixed improperly or that an EC certificate of conformity has been issued improperly. 2) OBJECTIVE To ensure the free movement of article of precious metal in the internal market by harmonising national laws on consumer protection and fair trading. Source : European Commission - Info92 - 02/96