Basic information

1995/0362(CNS) CNS - Consultation procedure Directive	Procedure completed
Value added tax VAT: level of the standard rate (amend. direct. 77/388 /EEC) **Subject** 2.70.02 Indirect taxation, VAT, excise duties	

Key players

European Parliament	**Committee responsible**	**Rapporteur**	**Appointed**
	ECON Economic and Monetary Affairs, Industrial Policy	LANGEN Werner (PPE)	21/02/1996

Council of the European Union	**Council configuration**	**Meetings**	**Date**
	Fisheries	1983	1996-12-20

Key events

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10/12/1995	Additional information		Summary
20/12/1995	Legislative proposal published	COM(1995)0731	Summary
11/03/1996	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
26/06/1996	Vote in committee		Summary
26/06/1996	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A4-0225/1996	
04/09/1996	Debate in Parliament		
20/12/1996	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		
20/12/1996	End of procedure in Parliament		
28/12/1996	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information

Procedure reference	1995/0362(CNS)
Procedure type	CNS - Consultation procedure
Procedure subtype	Legislation

Legislative instrument	Directive
Legal basis	EC Treaty (before Amsterdam) E 099
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	ECON/4/07701

Documentation gateway

European Parliament

Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		A4-0225/1996 OJ C 261 09.09.1996, p. 0004	26/06/1996	
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		T4-0438/1996 OJ C 277 23.09.1996, p. 0012-0025	05/09/1996	Summary

European Commission

Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
Legislative proposal	COM(1995)0731 OJ C 073 13.03.1996, p. 0022	20/12/1995	Summary

Other institutions and bodies

Institution/body	Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
EESC	Economic and Social Committee: opinion, report	CES0546/1996 OJ C 204 15.07.1996, p. 0094	25/04/1996	Summary

Additional information

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Final act

Directive 1996/0095
OJ L 338 28.12.1996, p. 0089 Summary

Value added tax VAT: level of the standard rate (amend. direct. 77/388 /EEC)

1995/0362(CNS) - 20/12/1995 - Legislative proposal

- OBJECTIVE: the proposal for a directive will allow the Council to take a decision on the minimum level of the standard rate, as required under Community VAT legislation (Directive 77/388/EEC). The decision is required in order to consolidate the functioning of the single market from a fiscal standpoint, both in the context of the transitional arrangements currently in force and in the light of the preparation of definitive arrangements for the common system of Valued Added Tax. - SUBSTANCE: - the current standard VAT rate band which applies in different Member States is not to be extended (with the effect that the current difference between rates - 15% and 25% - will not be increased); - the proposed minimum and maximum levels of the standard rate are not to be considered as definitive but shall, at the Commission's initiative, be subject to revision after a period of two years; - Directive 77/388/EEC is not amended in respect of reduced rates.

Value added tax VAT: level of the standard rate (amend. direct. 77/388 /EEC)

1995/0362(CNS) - 20/12/1996 - Final act

OBJECTIVE: to take a decision on the level of the minimum rate of the standard rate as it is required under Community VAT legislation (Directive 77 /388/EEC). The decision is necessary to consolidate the functioning of the single market from a fiscal standpoint both under the transitional arrangements currently in force and in the light of the preparation of the definitive arrangements for the common system of value added tax. COMMUNITY MESURE: Council Directive 96/95/EC amending Directive 77/388/EEC on the common system of Value Added Tax. SUBSTANCE: the amendments made to Directive 77/388/EEC provide for the following measures: - maintenance of the current level of the minimum rate (15%) for a further period of two years (from 1 January 1997 to 31 December 1998); - the level of the standard rate to be applied after a period of two years will be decided unanimously by the Council on a proposal from the Commission. DATE OF ENTRY INTO FORCE: 1 January 1997.

Value added tax VAT: level of the standard rate (amend. direct. 77/388 /EEC)

1995/0362(CNS) - 05/09/1996 - Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading

In adopting the report by Mr Werner LANGEN (PPE, D), Parliament rejected, by 612 votes to 142, the Commission proposal aimed at fixing the maximum level of the standard rate of VAT at 25% for the period 1 January 1997 - 31 December 1998.

Value added tax VAT: level of the standard rate (amend. direct. 77/388 /EEC)

1995/0362(CNS) - 25/04/1996 - Economic and Social Committee: opinion, report

The ESC approves the Commission proposal to introduce a band with a lower rate of 15% and an upper rate of 25% for the standard rate of VAT in Member States from 1 January 1997 to 31 December 1998. The ESC accepts the Commission proposition that any change in the transitional arrangements must also serve for the preparation of the subsequent definitive system. The ESC also considers that the proposed introduction of a definitive system should not be allowed to obscure the need for further interim reforms of the existing transition system. One such reform which the ESC considers to be highly desirable is that the group registration provisions should be extended to groups of associated companies in different Member States.