Basic information

1996/0129(COD) COD - Ordinary legislative procedure (ex-codecision procedure) Directive	Procedure completed
Wheeled agricultural or forestry tractors: maximum design speed **Subject** 2.10.03 Standardisation, EC/EU standards and trade mark, certification, compliance 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	HAUTALA Heidi (V)	25/06/1996

Former committee responsible	Former rapporteur	Appointed
ECON Economic and Monetary Affairs, Industrial Policy	HAUTALA Heidi (V)	25/06/1996

Former committee for opinion	Former rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
AGRI Agriculture and Rural Development	WEBER Jup (ARE)	09/07/1996
TRAN Transport and Tourism	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
ENVI Environment, Public Health and Consumer Protection	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	

Council of the European Union

Council configuration	Meetings	Date
Competitiveness (Internal Market, Industry, Research and Space)	1993	1997-03-13

Key events

Date	Event	Reference	Summary
		COM(1996)0196	Summary

24/05/1996	Legislative proposal published		
17/06/1996	Committee referral announced in Parliament, 1st reading		
30/10/1996	Vote in committee, 1st reading		Summary
30/10/1996	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading	A4-0377/1996	
17/01/1997	Modified legislative proposal published	COM(1997)0005	Summary
14/04/1997	Council position published	05730/1/1997	Summary
24/04/1997	Committee referral announced in Parliament, 2nd reading		
18/06/1997	Vote in committee, 2nd reading		
18/06/1997	Committee recommendation tabled for plenary, 2nd reading	A4-0218/1997	
15/07/1997	Debate in Parliament		Summary
29/07/1997	Act approved by Council, 2nd reading		
23/09/1997	Final act signed		
23/09/1997	End of procedure in Parliament		
10/10/1997	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information

Procedure reference	1996/0129(COD)
Procedure type	COD - Ordinary legislative procedure (ex-codecision procedure)
Procedure subtype	Legislation
Legislative instrument	Directive
Legal basis	EC Treaty (before Amsterdam) E 100A
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	ECON/4/08732

Documentation gateway

European Parliament

Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		A4-0377/1996 OJ C 380 16.12.1996, p. 0004	30/10/1996	
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		T4-0657/1996 OJ C 020 20.01.1997, p. 0019-0025	10/12/1996	Summary
Committee recommendation tabled for plenary, 2nd reading		A4-0218/1997 OJ C 286 22.09.1997, p. 0008	18/06/1997	
Text adopted by Parliament, 2nd reading		T4-0377/1997 OJ C 286 22.09.1997, p. 0071-0083	16/07/1997	Summary

Council of the EU

Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
Council position	05730/1/1997 OJ C 157 24.05.1997, p. 0001	14/04/1997	Summary

European Commission

Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
Legislative proposal	COM(1996)0196 OJ C 186 26.06.1996, p. 0011	24/05/1996	Summary
Modified legislative proposal	COM(1997)0005 OJ C 095 24.03.1997, p. 0045	17/01/1997	Summary
Commission communication on Council's position	SEC(1997)0626	07/04/1997	Summary

Other institutions and bodies

Institution/body	Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
EESC	Economic and Social Committee: opinion, report	CES1267/1996 OJ C 056 24.02.1997, p. 0074	31/10/1996	Summary

Additional information		
Source	**Document**	**Date**
European Commission	EUR-Lex	

Final act	
Directive 1997/0054 OJ L 277 10.10.1997, p. 0024	Summary

Wheeled agricultural or forestry tractors: maximum design speed

1996/0129(COD) - 23/09/1997 - Final act

OBJECTIVE: to amend framework directive (74/150/EEC) and certain individual directives on the maximum design speed of wheeled agricultural or forestry tractors, in order to ensure freedom of movement within the internal market and improve road and passenger safety. COMMUNITY MEASURE: European Parliament and Council Directive 97/54/EC. CONTENT: the directive which has been adopted seeks: - to amend the framework directive and the individual directives on European type-approval for tractors in order to increase the maximum design speed of the vehicle from 30 to 40 km/h; - to amend directive 76/432/EEC on braking in order to introduce new technical specifications reflecting the fact that in future tractors will be permitted to run at faster speeds. Two of the recitals of the directive focus on the need: - to improve and harmonise all safety aspects, such as the installation of safety belts; - to draw up Community legislation on pollution from tractors. ENTRY INTO FORCE: 30/10/1997 DEADLINE FOR TRANSPOSITION: 23/09/1998

Wheeled agricultural or forestry tractors: maximum design speed

1996/0129(COD) - 17/01/1997 - Modified legislative proposal

The modified Commission proposal relating to the maximum design speed of wheeled agricultural or forestry tractors includes the substance of two EP amendments to introduce two new recitals: - one relating to improvements and harmonization of all safety aspects such as the installation of safety belts; - the other to the effect that pollution from tractors should be the subject of Community legislation. On the other hand, the Commission rejected the amendments aimed at: - the introduction of technical controls on tractors at regular intervals (the Commission would however consider, in the framework of the appropriate procedures, what proposals should be drafted); - the addition of a new article dealing with both Community and national type-approval requirements for tractors.

Wheeled agricultural or forestry tractors: maximum design speed

1996/0129(COD) - 31/10/1996 - Economic and Social Committee: opinion, report

The Committee endorses the proposed amendment to the maximum design speed for agricultural or forestry tractors, but would call on the Commission to take account of the continuous developments in tractor performance and application in the next amendment to the framework Directive, and make an unequivocal provision for tractors with maximum design speeds of over 40 km/h. This must of course be accompanied by adequate arrangements for safety and environmental protection. The Committee also calls for the regulations to be consolidated, in the interests of greater transparency.

Wheeled agricultural or forestry tractors: maximum design speed

1996/0129(COD) - 10/12/1996 - Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading

In adopting the report by Mrs HEIDI HAUTALA (Greens, Fin), Parliament approved the proposal to amend the existing Directives relating to the maximum design speed of tractors. However, it drew attention, in three recitals, to the need to: - improve and harmonize all safety aspects such as the installation of safety belts; - introduce technical controls for tractors at regular intervals; - draw up Community legislation on pollutants from tractors.

Wheeled agricultural or forestry tractors: maximum design speed

1996/0129(COD) - 07/04/1997 - Commission communication on Council's position

The Commission accepted the common position insofar as it was in line with the initial proposal and took account of the amendments requested by the European Parliament and accepted by the Commission.

Wheeled agricultural or forestry tractors: maximum design speed

1996/0129(COD) - 14/04/1997 - Council position

The Council's common position largely reflects the initial proposal, taking account of the amendments adopted by Parliament and accepted by the Commission in its amended proposal. However, the common position stipulates that the Member States should adopt, publish and implement the provisions required to comply with the directive by a date within 12 months of its publication. The Council took account of the spirit of a Parliament amendment, which was not incorporated into the Commission's amended proposal, in a declaration calling on the Commission to consider the issue of the extension of the Community type-approval system for agricultural and forestry tractors to cover trailers and tractors with a maximum design speed in excess of 40 km/h, laying down the requisite safety and environmental protection rules to govern these vehicles and, if necessary, to put forward proposals without delay.

Wheeled agricultural or forestry tractors: maximum design speed

1996/0129(COD) - 16/07/1997 - Text adopted by Parliament, 2nd reading

In adopting the recommendation for second reading by Mrs Heidi HAUTALA (Greens, Fin), the European Parliament approved, unamended, the common position on the amendment of a series of Directives on the maximum design speed of wheeled agricultural or forestry tractors.

Wheeled agricultural or forestry tractors: maximum design speed

1996/0129(COD) - 24/05/1996 - Legislative proposal

OBJECTIVE: to amend framework directive (74/150/EEC) and certain individual directives on the maximum design speed of wheeled agricultural or forestry tractors, in order to ensure freedom of movement within the internal market and improve road and passenger safety. CONTENT: the proposal for a European Parliament and Council directive seeks to: - amend the framework directive and the individual directives on European type-approval for tractors in order to increase the maximum design speed from 30 to 40 km/h; - amend Directive 76/432/EEC on braking in order to introduce new technical specifications reflecting the fact that in future tractors will be permitted to run at faster speeds.