Basic information

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Key players

European Parliament

Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
TRAN Transport and Tourism	MOREAU Gisèle M.H. (GUE/NGL)	29/10/1997
PECH Fisheries	MACARTNEY Allan (ARE)	08/10/1997

Council of the European Union

Council configuration	Meetings	Date
Transport, Telecommunications and Energy	2031	1997-10-09
Social Affairs	2060	1997-12-15
Social Affairs	2030	1997-10-07

Key events

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15/07/1997	Non-legislative basic document published	COM(1997)0334	Summary
15/09/1997	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
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09/10/1997	Debate in Council		
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04/06/1998	Vote in committee		Summary
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Other institutions and bodies

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Organisation of working time: sectors and activities excluded from the directive 93/104/EC. White paper

1997/2192(COS) - 15/07/1997 - Non-legislative basic document

OBJECTIVE: presentation of the White Paper on Sectors and Activities excluded from the Working Time Directive (93/104/EC) SUBSTANCE: the aim of the Communication is to initiate wide consultation of the parties concerned on an approach designed to ensure the protection of the health and safety, from the working time point of view, of workers currently excluded from the Working Time Directive (93/104/EC). The aim of the Directive is to ensure that workers are protected against adverse effects on their health caused by excessively long working hours and inadequate rest. To this end, the Directive provides for: - a minimum daily rest period of 11 consecutive hours a day, - a rest break where the working day is longer than 6 hours, - a minimum rest period of one day a week, - a maximum working week of 48 hours, including overtime, - 4 weeks' annual paid holiday, - a ban on night-workers working more than 8 hours in 24. However, certain sectors and activities are excluded from the scope of the Directive: air, road, rail, sea and inland waterway transport; sea fishing and other work at sea; doctors in training. The Commission notes that there are workers in these sectors (which represent 4% of total employment in the EU) who have no protection against long working hours or no guarantee of adequate rest. It sees no objective reasons for this exclusion and would like a pragmatic approach to be adopted, consisting of differentiating between those activities which can be accommodated under the Directive and those which require specific measures. This would entail: - extending the full provisions of the Directive to all non-mobile workers (existing derogations would be adjusted to take account of the need for continuity of service and operational constraints), -

extending the provisions of the Directive on four weeks' paid annual leave and health assessments for night workers to all mobile workers and those engaged in 'other work at sea' (it would also be necessary to guarantee adequate rest and stipulate a maximum number of hours to be worked annually); - introducing or amending specific legislation for each sector or activity concerning working time and rest periods for mobile workers and those engaged in 'other work at sea'. The deadline for reactions to the White Paper is 31 October 1997.

Organisation of working time: sectors and activities excluded from the directive 93/104/EC. White paper

1997/2192(COS) - 02/07/1998 - Text adopted by Parliament, single reading

The Directive on working time does not apply to the following sectors: transport, sea fisheries, other work at sea, doctors in training or the self-employed. In adopting the report by Mr Raphael CHANTERIE (PPE, B) on the exclusion of these sectors from the scope of Directive 93/14/EC, Parliament expressed the view that all workers, including the 5 million working in the excluded sectors, should enjoy social protection with regard to working time. In Parliament's opinion, non-mobile workers should enjoy the full protection of the Directive on working time. Moreover, mobile workers should enjoy full protection in relation to working hours under the Directive or specific legislation providing at least the same level of occupational safety as the original Directive, in order to guarantee non-discrimination between workers. Appropriate provisions should be adopted to take account of the characteristics peculiar to the sectors and activities concerned, in particular, road-haulage drivers' non-driving time, the daily rest periods and breaks from work of flight crew, staff on trains and on-call duties of doctors in training. Parliament called on the social partners, the Commission and the Council to give priority to safeguarding workers' health and safety and welcomed the agreements already being negotiated. It asked the Commission in particular to submit, by the end of 1998, a proposal to amend Directive 93/14/EC. Parliament drew attention to the direct link between safety and working time in the transport sector for both workers and passengers, as well as for the environment. It called for an amendment of Regulation (EEC) No 3820/85 on harmonisation of social provisions in the field of transport to take account of the objective of reducing driving time. New talks should begin between employers and workers in the fishing industry with a view to including them in the Working Time Directive. Parliament called for stepping up of checks and harmonisation of penalties in the interests of effective action against excessive working time.