

Basic information	
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Noise pollution: noise emission by equipment used outdoors Amended by 2005/0149(COD) Amended by 2022/0280(COD) Amended by 2023/0369(COD) Subject 3.70.07 Noise pollution	

Key players				
European Parliament	Committee responsible		Rapporteur	Appointed
	ENVI Environment, Public Health, Consumer Policy			
	Former committee responsible		Former rapporteur	Appointed
	ENVI Environment, Public Health and Consumer Protection			
	Former committee for opinion		Former rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
	BUDG Budgets		The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
	ECON Economic and Monetary Affairs, Industrial Policy		The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
	Council of the European Union	Council configuration	Meetings	Date
		Agriculture and Fisheries	2240	2000-01-24
Environment		2194	1999-06-24	

Key events			
Date	Event	Reference	Summary
18/02/1998	Legislative proposal published	COM(1998)0046 	Summary

09/03/1998	Committee referral announced in Parliament, 1st reading		
18/03/1998	Vote in committee, 1st reading		
24/01/2000	Council position published	11256/1/1999	Summary
03/02/2000	Committee referral announced in Parliament, 2nd reading		
23/02/2000	Vote in committee, 2nd reading		
15/03/2000	Decision by Parliament, 2nd reading	T5-0093/2000	Summary
08/05/2000	Final act signed		
08/05/2000	End of procedure in Parliament		
03/07/2000	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information	
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Procedure subtype	Legislation
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Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
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Documentation gateway				
European Parliament				
Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		T4-0189/1998 OJ C 138 04.05.1998, p. 0076-0084	01/04/1998	Summary
Text adopted by Parliament, 2nd reading		T5-0093/2000 OJ C 377 29.12.2000, p. 0044-0141	15/03/2000	Summary
Council of the EU				
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Council position	11256/1/1999 OJ C 083 22.03.2000, p. 0001	24/01/2000	Summary	
European Commission				
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Legislative proposal	 COM(1998)0046 OJ C 124 22.04.1998, p. 0001	18/02/1998	Summary	
Commission communication on Council's position	 SEC(2000)0132	28/01/2000	Summary	
Follow-up document	 COM(2020)0715	16/11/2020		
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Follow-up document	 SWD(2020)0267	16/11/2020		
Other institutions and bodies				
Institution/body	Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
EESC	Economic and Social Committee: opinion, report	CES1119/1998 OJ C 407 28.12.1998, p. 0018	10/09/1998	

Additional information		
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European Commission	EUR-Lex	

Final act	
Directive 2000/0014 OJ L 162 03.07.2000, p. 0001	Summary

Delegated acts	
Reference	Subject
2023/2997(DEA)	Examination of delegated act

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1998/0029(COD) - 15/03/2000 - Text adopted by Parliament, 2nd reading

The European Parliament approved the common position adopted by the Council with a view to a European Parliament and Council Directive on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to noise emission by equipment used outdoors. (Codecision procedure, second reading).

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1998/0029(COD) - 01/04/1998 - Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading

Parliament approved the proposal (procedure without report).

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1998/0029(COD) - 08/05/2000 - Final act

PURPOSE : to harmonise the laws of the Member States relating to noise emissions by equipment for outdoor use. **COMMUNITY MEASURE :** Directive 2000/14/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to the noise emission in the environment by equipment for use outdoors. **CONTENT :** this Directive aims to harmonise the laws of the Member States relating to noise emission standards, conformity assessment procedures, marking, technical documentation and collection of data concerning the noise emission in the environment of equipment for use outdoors. It will also contribute to the smooth functioning of the internal market while protecting human health and well-being. This Directive applies to equipment for use outdoors such as compressors, tower cranes, welding generators, power generators, hand-held concrete breakers and picks, lawnmowers, hydraulic excavators, dozers, loaders, etc. With regard to reducing noise levels, two stages are envisaged in order to allow manufacturers to adapt their equipment to the more demanding limits. The first stage shall take effect from 03/01/2002 and aims to progressively eliminate the noisiest pieces of equipment; four years later from 03/01/2006 the levels shall be adapted to technical progress (that is to say they will become stricter). The Directive simplifies the conformity assessment procedures in providing three options: 1) internal control of production with assessment of technical documentation and periodical checking; 2) the unit verification procedure; 3) the full quality assurance procedure. Member States shall appoint the bodies under their jurisdiction to carry out or supervise the conformity assessment procedures. Furthermore, it should be noted that the collection of noise data shall be simplified due to the EC declaration of conformity for each type of equipment. In addition, no later than 03/01/2005 and every four years thereafter, the Commission shall submit to the European Parliament and to the Council a report concerning the Commission's experiences in the implementation and administration of this Directive. No later than 03/07/2003 the Commission shall also submit a report concerning whether and to what extent technical progress allows a reduction of limit values for lawnmowers and lawn trimmers/lawn edge trimmers, and if appropriate, a proposal to amend this Directive. **ENTRY INTO FORCE :** 03.07.2000. **TRANSPOSITION AND DATE OF APPLICATION :** 03/01/2001. Member States shall allow the manufacturer, or his authorised representative established in the Community, to avail himself of the provisions of this Directive as from 03/07/2001.

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1998/0029(COD) - 28/01/2000 - Commission communication on Council's position

The Commission greatly appreciates the work done in determining the common position and endorses the improvements and clarifications that were made. The bonus to the environment and thus to the citizen is expected to be valuable. At the same time, market access is assured for the manufacturers of noisy equipment who will receive a strong message. Environmental considerations will continue to play a regulatory role in the noise emissions from equipment for use outdoors. The Commission commends the common position.

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1998/0029(COD) - 18/02/1998 - Legislative proposal

OBJECTIVE: the proposal for a directive seeks to contribute to the smooth functioning of the internal market and achieve health protection by reducing noise levels in the environment and simplify existing legislation concerning equipment used outdoors (for example construction machines and lawnmowers) and to create a framework for the reduction of noise emissions from this equipment. **SUBSTANCE:** the framework directive proposes various measures to achieve the required objectives. - information of the public by marking all the equipment concerned (55 types) indicating guaranteed sound levels; - limiting sound emissions by imposing noise limits on certain products: admissible noise limits would enter into force in two stages (the second stage commencing 48 months after the first) for 19 types of equipment; - harmonization of conformity assessment procedures - collection of data concerning noise emissions by equipment so as to assess more accurately their acoustic impact and the technical possibilities of reducing noise levels.

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1998/0029(COD) - 24/01/2000 - Council position

The objective of the proposal is to harmonise the laws of the Member States relating to noise emission standards, conformity assessment procedures, marking, technical documentation and collection of data concerning the noise emission in the environment of equipment for use outdoors, and to update existing Community legislation in this field. Compared to the Commission proposal, the common position simplifies the procedures on conformity assessment by reducing the number of options from 5 to 3, including a new (and less bureaucratic) option for an internal production control carried out by industry. Some additional categories of equipment have been included in the Directive and certain limit values have been adjusted taking into the technical possibilities to meet the proposed limits. The collection of noise data has been simplified making use of the EC-declaration of conformity. The common position also foresees for certain lawnmowers and lawn trimmers/lawn edge trimmers indicative permissible sound power levels in stage II which are 2dB lower than stage I. The Commission must within 2 years examine this question and submit a report to the Council and the European Parliament and, if appropriate, a proposal to amend the Directive. The stage I limits will continue to apply until an amendment to the Directive replaces the indicative figures. The Council considers that the common position would improve the protection of human health, simplifying existing legislation and contribute to a smooth functioning of the Internal Market.