Basic information

1998/0231(COD) COD - Ordinary legislative procedure (ex-codecision procedure) Decision	Procedure lapsed or withdrawn
Freedom of movement of workers: social security, Advisory Committee **Subject** 2.30 Free movement of workers 4.10.10 Social protection, social security	

Key players

Council of the European Union	
European Commission	Commission DG: Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion Commissioner:

Key events

Date	Event	Reference	Summary
14/10/1998	Legislative proposal published	COM(1998)0394	Summary
23/10/1998	Committee referral announced in Parliament, 1st reading		
22/04/1999	Vote in committee, 1st reading		Summary
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Technical information

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Procedure type	COD - Ordinary legislative procedure (ex-codecision procedure)
Procedure subtype	Legislation
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Committee dossier	EMPL/4/10490

Documentation gateway

European Parliament

Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
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Other institutions and bodies

Institution/body	Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
EESC	Economic and Social Committee: opinion, report	CES0453/1999 OJ C 169 16.06.1999, p. 0024	28/04/1999	

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Freedom of movement of workers: social security, Advisory Committee

1998/0231(COD) - 04/05/1999 - Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading

At first reading under codecision procedure, the European Parliament adopted the report by Marie-Thérèse Hermange (UPE,FR), which approves the Commission proposal for a European Parliament and Council decision establishing an Advisory Committee on freedom of movement and social security for Community workers and amending Council regulations 1612/68/EEC and 1408/71/EEC, subject to amendments, notably in the following areas: - providing that the advisory committee's comprehensive analysis of freedom of movement should include all aspects relating to frontier workers; - halving the number of members of the committee from 90 to 45; - adding to the list of organisations from which the committee may seek advice the standing committee on employment and those organisations with extensive experience in matters of the labour market; - adding to the the committee's tasks the examination of the cross-border implications in particular for migrant workers and frontier workers of Community legislative proposals and national provisions, including collective employment agreements on social protection, medical costs, taxation and labour law; - with regard to the provision of opinions by the committee on the exchange of information in certain areas, adding to the areas to be covered the movement of job seekers (as well as workers) between Member States and legal (as well as social) assistance to workers and their families; - adding to the committee's tasks the encouragement of cooperation between the Member States to find solutions for specific problems with regard to the social security of frontier workers, inter alia with regard to their social security contributions and the right to payments and benefits; - adding to the committee's tasks the development of proposals addressed to the Member States to counter any adverse effects for frontier workers as a result of changes in the organisation or financing of social security systems.

Freedom of movement of workers: social security, Advisory Committee

1998/0231(COD) - 14/10/1998 - Legislative proposal

PURPOSE: to establish an Advisory Committee on freedom of movement and social security for Community workers and amend Council regulations 1612/68/EEC and 1408/71/EEC. CONTENT: the proposal is to establish a new Advisory Committee on freedom of movement and social security for Community workers, hence merging the existing technical committee on freedom of movement and the administrative commission on social security, which were established by regulations 1612/68/EEC and 1408/71/EEC, and to amend these regulations accordingly - i.e. disband the existing committees. The tasks of the new committee will be as follows: - to examine questions concerning the freedom of movement and social security of

migrant workers, with particular regard to how worker mobility is linked to and affects national employment policy in the Member States; - to make a general study of the effects of implementing Community legislation and any additional provisions on the free movement of workers and coordination of social security systems; - to submit to the Commission any reasoned proposals for revising Communtiy legislation on the free movement of workers and the coordination of social security schemes; - to deliver, either at the request of the Commission or on its own initiative, opinions on general questions or on questions of principle, in particular on exchange of information concerning developments on the labour market, on the movement of workers between Member States, on programmes or measures to develop vocational guidance and vocational training which are likely to enhance the opportunities of freedom of movement and employment, and on all forms of assistance to workers and their families, including social assistance and the housing of workers; - to examine general questions or questions of principle and the problems raised by the implementation of regulations issued pursuant to the provisions of Article 51 of the Treaty; - to examine matters connected with the rights and obligations in the Member States of workers resident in the Community who are nationals of third countries. The proposed structure and rules of procedure are based very largely on those of the two existing advisory committees. The tripartite composition and number of members are exactly the same. However, to ensure that the degree of expertise and representation are maintained in the two fields concerned (freedom of movement for workers and social security), it is proposed that governments should be represented by one member of the technical committee on freedom of movement and one member of the administrative commission on social security for migrant workers. The term of office for committee members will be extended from two to four years. With a view to simplifying the rules on appointments, another change brought in by the new provisions is that Member States are to notify the Commission directly of the names of their national representatives. Finally, a new requirement has been introduced that Member States must endeavour to ensure equal representation of men and women on the committee.