Basic information

2002/2046(INI) INI - Own-initiative procedure	Procedure completed
EC Treaty Art.81(3): application to vertical agreements and concerted practices in motor vehicle industry **Subject** 2.60 Competition 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	KONRAD Christoph (PPE-DE)	06/11/2000

Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
JURI Legal Affairs and Internal Market	BERGER Maria (PSE)	26/06/2001

Key events

Date	Event	Reference	Summary
11/04/2002	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
23/04/2002	Vote in committee		Summary
23/04/2002	Committee report tabled for plenary	A5-0144/2002	
29/05/2002	Debate in Parliament		
30/05/2002	Decision by Parliament	T5-0272/2002	Summary
30/05/2002	End of procedure in Parliament		
07/08/2003	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information

Procedure reference	2002/2046(INI)
Procedure type	INI - Own-initiative procedure
Procedure subtype	Initiative
Legal basis	Rules of Procedure EP 55

Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	ECON/5/16139

Documentation gateway				
European Parliament				
Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Committee report tabled for plenary, single reading		A5-0144/2002	23/04/2002	
Text adopted by Parliament, single reading		T5-0272/2002 OJ C 187 07.08.2003, p. 0024-0149 E	30/05/2002	Summary

EC Treaty Art.81(3): application to vertical agreements and concerted practices in motor vehicle industry

2002/2046(INI) - 30/05/2002 - Text adopted by Parliament, single reading

The European Parliament adopted its own-initiative report drafted by Werner KONRAD (EPP-ED, Germany) and resolved to seek a delay in the introduction of new rules designed to open up the European car industry to EU competition rules. (Please refer to the document dated 23/04/02.) Parliament stated that the "location clause" relating to a selective distribution agreement should not be introduced until 2005, and then only after a review showing that such a change would be necessary to comply with competition rules. Other main amendments made by Parliament include the following: - to protect dealers, Parliament stipulates a two-year period of notice for terminating an agreement with the manufacturer. The latter should pay compensation in the event of the distributor making substantial investments in a new showroom and related facilities which cannot be covered as a result of the loss of a dealership; - the arbitration provisions when an agreement is terminated are strengthened; - manufacturers are not obliged to disclose sensitive technical information relating to, for example, engine speed or exhaust emissions; - restrictions on the opening of the market in maintenance and repairs.