Basic information

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Key players

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Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
ECON Economic and Monetary Affairs	RANDZIO-PLATH Christa (PSE)	18/12/2003

Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
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Council of the European Union

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Taxation and Customs Union	

Key events

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16/12/2003	Legislative proposal published	COM(2003)0825	Summary
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12/01/2004	Vote in committee		
12/01/2004	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A5-0001/2004	
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Technical information

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EESC	Economic and Social Committee: opinion, report	CES0103/2004 OJ C 108 30.04.2004, p. 0078-0079	28/01/2004	
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Value added tax VAT: extending reduced rates to labour-intensive services (amend. Directive 77/388/EEC)

2003/0317(CNS) - 10/02/2004 - Implementing legislative act

LEGISLATIVE ACT: Council Directive 2004/15/EC amending Directive 77/388/EEC to extend the facility allowing Member States to apply reduced rates of VAT to certain labour-intensive services. CONTENT: This decision authorises Belgium, Greece, Spain, France, Italy, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Portugal and the UK to apply up 31 December 2005 a reduced rate of VAT on certain labour-intensive services for which they had submitted an application. ENTRY INTO FORCE: 01/01/2004.

Value added tax VAT: extending reduced rates to labour-intensive services (amend. Directive 77/388/EEC)

2003/0317(CNS) - 10/02/2004 - Final act

PURPOSE: to extend the period of application of the facility allowing Member States to apply reduced VAT rates to some labour-intensive services, and amend Directive 77/388/EEC. LEGISLATIVE ACT: Conncil Directive 2004/15/EC amending Directive 77/388/EEC to extend the facility allowing Member States to apply reduced rates of VAT to certain labour-intensive services. CONTENT: Since the Council has not reached an agreement on the content of the proposal on the overall revision of reduced VAT rates, it was decided, in order to avoid legal uncertainty from 1 January 2004, to extend until 31/12/2005 the facility allowing Member States to apply reduced VAT rates to some labour-intensive services. ENTRY INTO FORCE: 21/02/2004. DATE APPLICABLE : 01/01/2004.

Value added tax VAT: extending reduced rates to labour-intensive services (amend. Directive 77/388/EEC)

2003/0317(CNS) - 15/01/2004 - Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading

The European Parliament adopted a resolution drafted by Christa RANDZIO-PLATH and approved the Commission's proposal.

Value added tax VAT: extending reduced rates to labour-intensive services (amend. Directive 77/388/EEC)

2003/0317(CNS) - 16/12/2003 - Legislative proposal

PURPOSE : to extend the period of application of the facility allowing Member States to apply reduced VAT rates to some labour-intensive services, and amend directive 77/388/EEC. PROPOSED ACT : Council Directive. CONTENT : in 1999, the Council adopted Directive 1999/85/EC amending Directive 77/388/EEC (the 6th VAT Directive) as regards the possibility of applying on an experimental basis a reduced VAT rate on labour-intensive services. Its purpose is to allow Member States that so wish to test the impact of a targeted reduction of VAT on these services in terms of job creation and a reduction of the underground economy. Article 28(6) of the 6th VAT Directive authorises the experimental application of a reduced rate of VAT on labour-intensive services up to 31 December 2003. It requires Member States that have applied such reduced rates to draw up a detailed report by 1 October 2002 assessing the measures' effectiveness in terms of job-creation and efficiency. On the basis of the assessment reports submitted by the Member States that have applied the reduced rate, the Commission submitted a global evaluation report on the experiment, and in 2003, the Commission adopted a proposal for a Directive introducing a general review of reduced rates of VAT to simplify and rationalise them. The proposal takes account of the conclusions of the evaluation report and fits into the framework defined in the Commission's Communication on a strategy to improve the operation of the VAT system within the context of the internal market. Since the Council has not yet been able to reach an unanimous decision to adopt the proposed Directive, in order to avoid legal uncertainty from 1 January 2004 and give the Council time to take a decision on the general proposal regarding reduced rates of VAT, the first subparagraph of Article 28(6) of Directive 77/388/EEC and the first paragraph of Article 1 of

Decision 2000/185/EC should be amended to extend the validity of the authorisation for two years up to 31 December 2005 at the latest. This would allow the nine Member States currently applying a reduced rate of VAT to labour-intensive services to continue to do so for another two years under the same conditions, without changing or extending the scope of the experiment.