Basic information

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European Agency for Safety and Health at Work (amend. Regulation (EC) No 2062/94) **Subject** 4.15.15 Health and safety at work, occupational medicine 8.40.08 Agencies and bodies of the EU	

Key players

European Parliament

Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
EMPL Employment and Social Affairs	HUGHES Stephen (PSE)	11/10/2004

Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
BUDG Budgets	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	31/01/2005
ENVI Environment, Public Health and Food Safety	BERLINGUER Giovanni (PSE)	01/09/2004
FEMM Women's Rights and Gender Equality	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	

Council of the European Union

Council configuration	Meetings	Date
Employment, Social Policy, Health and Consumer Affairs	2663	2005-06-02
Employment, Social Policy, Health and Consumer Affairs	2606	2004-10-04
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European Commission

Commission DG	Commissioner
Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion	

Key events

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23/04/2004	Legislative proposal published	COM(2004)0050	Summary
15/09/2004	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
04/10/2004	Debate in Council		
31/03/2005	Vote in committee		Summary
14/04/2005	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A6-0092/2005	
27/04/2005	Debate in Parliament		
28/04/2005	Decision by Parliament	T6-0147/2005	Summary
28/04/2005	Results of vote in Parliament		
24/06/2005	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		
24/06/2005	End of procedure in Parliament		
15/07/2005	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information

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European Parliament

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Final act	
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European Agency for Safety and Health at Work (amend. Regulation (EC) No 2062/94)

2004/0014(CNS) - 24/06/2005 - Final act

PURPOSE : to make the European Agency for Health and Safety (Bilbao) more effective in the context of enlargement.

LEGISLATIVE ACT : Council Regulation 1112/2005/EC amending Regulation 2062/94/EC establishing a European Agency for Safety and Health at Work.

CONTENT : the Council adopted a Regulation amending Regulation 2062/94/EC establishing a European Agency for Safety and Health at Work.

In order to improve the working environment, as regards the protection of the safety and health of workers as provided for in the Treaty and successive Community strategies and action programmes concerning health and safety at the workplace, the aim of the Agency shall be to provide the Community bodies, the Member States, the social partners and those involved in the field with the technical, scientific and economic information of use in the field of safety and health at work."

It's main aims shall be to:

- collect, analyse and disseminate technical, scientific and economic information in the Member States in order to pass it on to the Community bodies, Member States and interested parties; this collection shall take place to identify risks and good practices as well as existing national priorities and programmes and provide the necessary input to the priorities and programmes of the Community;

- collect and analyse technical, scientific and economic information on research into safety and health at work and on other research activities which involve aspects connected with safety and health at work and disseminate the results of the research and research activities;"

- provide technical, scientific and economic information on methods and tools for implementing preventive activities, identify good practices and promote preventive actions, paying particular attention to the specific problems of small and medium-sized enterprises. With regard to good practices, the Agency should in particular focus on practices which constitute practical tools to be used in drawing up an assessment of the risks to safety and health at work, and identifying the measures to be taken to tackle them;

- contribute to the development of Community strategies and action programmes relating to the protection of safety and health at work, without prejudice to the Commission's sphere of competence;

Furthermore, the Agency shall ensure that the information disseminated is comprehensible to the end users. To achieve this objective, the Agency shall work closely with the national focal points as well as with the existing institutions, foundations, specialist bodies and programmes at Community level in order to avoid any duplication. In particular, the Agency shall ensure appropriate cooperation with the European Foundation for the Improvement of Living and Working Conditions, without prejudice to its own aims.

The Agency shall set up a network comprising:

- the main component elements of the national information networks, including the national social partners' organisations, according to national legislation and/or practice;

- the national focal points;

- any future topic centres."

As for the Member States, they shall regularly inform the Agency of the main components of their national health and safety at work information networks, including any institution which in their judgement could contribute to the work of the Agency, taking into account the need to ensure the fullest possible coverage of their territory.

The governing and management structure of the Agency shall comprise: a Governing Board; a Bureau and a Director. The Governing Board shall consist of one member representing the Government from each Member State; one member representing the employers' organisations from each Member State; one member representing the employees' organisations from each Member State and three members representing the Commission.

The term of office of members of the Governing Board shall be three years. It shall be renewable.

Exceptionally, the term of office of the members of the Governing Board who are in office on the day of the entry into force of this Regulation shall be extended until a new Governing Board has been appointed.

The Governing Board shall establish a Bureau of 11 members. The Bureau shall be made up of the chair and the three vice-chairs of the Governing Board, one coordinator per group as referred to in the first subparagraph of paragraph 4, and one more representative of each group and of the Commission. Each group may designate up to three alternates to attend the meetings of the Bureau, in the absence of the full members.

ENTRY INTO FORCE : 04/08/2005.

European Agency for Safety and Health at Work (amend. Regulation (EC) No 2062/94)

2004/0014(CNS) - 23/04/2004 - Legislative proposal

PURPOSE : to amend the European Agency for Safety and Health at work. PROPOSED ACT : Council Regulation CONTENT : the European Agency for Safety and Health at work was established in 1994 to support the EU's Strategy on health and safety at work. In this capacity it plays an important role in providing the Commission with valuable data in order to help it carry out its obligations. Its other tasks include raising awareness on health and safety at work, risk anticipation, supporting SME's and preparing an annual "European week on health and safety". Under the terms of the Regulation setting up the Agency, the Commission is obliged to examine the role of the Agency and, if necessary, propose any changes. In order to fulfil this obligation the Commission launched a consultation exercise, in which it examined the views and opinions of interested parties concerning the Agency's future. A number of important factors had to be taken into account, not least of which was the EU's enlargement in May 2004. Currently, the Agency has a tripartite Administrative Board composed of national government and employer organisation, whilst the Commission has three representatives. In May, following enlargement, the Board grew from 45 members to 78. The Board meets twice a year to take decisions related to the work programme and the budget, whilst the Bureau, in accordance with the Rules of Procedure, takes urgent and necessary measures between the Board meetings. It is in order to maintain a flexible Agency that the Commission is proposing the introduction of certain reforms. The proposed amendments to the Agency fall into three main categories: Firstly, to clarify the Agency's objectives and task. Such as: developing better links with the Community's strategy on health and safety at work, strengthening the Agency's data analysis, focusing more on the needs of SME's, providing more accessible and comprehensive information for end users. Secondly, to improve the functioning of the Board and to strengthen its strategic role as well as that of the Bureau, whilst at the same time leaving the Director accountable and responsible for the everyday management of the Agency. Thirdly, to reinforce co-operation with other Community bodies in the sphere of social policy. The proposed amendments reflect the findings of the external evaluation, which took place in 2001, government opinions, the views of employer organisations and the recommendation made by both the Council and the European Parliament. Finally, the proposal reflects the role attributed to it by the revised Commission Strategy on Health and Safety.

European Agency for Safety and Health at Work (amend. Regulation (EC) No 2062/94)

2004/0014(CNS) - 28/04/2005 - Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading

The European Parliament adopted a resolution drafted by Stephen HUGHES (PES, UK) making some amendments to the Commission’s proposal. (Please see the summary of 31/03/2005.) A new recital states that in order to achieve the goals set out above, the Agency needs not only to collect and disseminate information, but also to analyse information, identify risks and good practices and promote preventive action. In this respect it is important to clarify that the Agency has the role of a "risk observatory" and that it should analyse risks, in particular emerging ones, and promote preventive action. Risks to workers' family members should be included in its remit. Particular attention should also be paid to genotoxicity risks which may have consequences for the offspring of an affected worker.

In addition, the Agency will engage in the exchange of information and experience, by way of the systematic collection of data, with the support of Eurostat, amongst the Member States in the field of safety and health at work, including information on training programmes. The Agency will promote harmonisation of statistics on work-related accidents and illnesses in order to eliminate existing disparities when evaluating and analysing them.

The Member States will regularly inform the Agency of the main components of their national health and safety at work information networks, including any institution which in their judgement could contribute to the work of the Agency, taking into account the need to ensure the fullest possible coverage of their territory.

Finally, the Bureau will be composed of 11 members.