

| Basic information | |
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| 2006/0178(COD) COD - Ordinary legislative procedure (ex-codecision procedure) Decision | Procedure completed |
| Classification of wood in the rough Subject 2.10.03 Standardisation, EC/EU standards and trade mark, certification, compliance 3.10.11 Forestry policy | |

| Key players | | | | |
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| European Parliament | Committee responsible | | Rapporteur | Appointed |
| | IMCO | Internal Market and Consumer Protection | MCCARTHY Arlene (PSE) | 19/12/2006 |
| | Committee for opinion | | Rapporteur for opinion | Appointed |
| | AGRI | Agriculture and Rural Development | The committee decided not to give an opinion. | |
| Council of the European Union | Council configuration | | Meetings | Date |
| | Competitiveness (Internal Market, Industry, Research and Space) | | 2801 | 2007-05-21 |
| European Commission | Commission DG | | Commissioner | |
| | Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs | | VERHEUGEN Günter | |

| Key events | | | |
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| Date | Event | Reference | Summary |
| 29/09/2006 | Legislative proposal published | COM(2006)0557  | Summary |
| 12/10/2006 | Committee referral announced in Parliament, 1st reading | | |
| 24/01/2007 | Vote in committee, 1st reading | | Summary |
| 29/01/2007 | Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading | A6-0017/2007 | |
| 13/02/2007 | Decision by Parliament, 1st reading | T6-0024/2007 | Summary |
| 13/02/2007 | Results of vote in Parliament |  | |

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| 21/05/2007 | Act adopted by Council after Parliament's 1st reading | | |
| 20/06/2007 | Final act signed | | |
| 20/06/2007 | End of procedure in Parliament | | |
| 23/06/2007 | Final act published in Official Journal | | |

| Technical information | |
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| Procedure reference | 2006/0178(COD) |
| Procedure type | COD - Ordinary legislative procedure (ex-codecision procedure) |
| Procedure subtype | Legislation |
| Legislative instrument | Decision |
| Legal basis | EC Treaty (after Amsterdam) EC 095 |
| Stage reached in procedure | Procedure completed |
| Committee dossier | IMCO/6/41175 |

| Documentation gateway | | | | |
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| European Parliament | | | | |
| Document type | Committee | Reference | Date | Summary |
| Committee draft report | | PE382.582 | 08/01/2007 | |
| Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading | | A6-0017/2007 | 29/01/2007 | |
| Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading | | T6-0024/2007 | 13/02/2007 | Summary |
| Council of the EU | | | | |
| Document type | | Reference | Date | Summary |
| Draft final act | | 03605/1/2007 | 20/06/2007 | |
| European Commission | | | | |
| Document type | | Reference | Date | Summary |
| Legislative proposal | | COM(2006)0557  | 29/09/2006 | Summary |
| Other institutions and bodies | | | | |
| Institution/body | Document type | Reference | Date | Summary |
| EESC | Economic and Social Committee: opinion, report | CES0420/2007 | 14/03/2007 | |

| Additional information |
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| Source | Document | Date |
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| National parliaments | IPEX | |
| European Commission | EUR-Lex | |

| Final act | |
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| Decision 2007/0714 OJ L 163 23.06.2007, p. 0016 | Summary |

Classification of wood in the rough

2006/0178(COD) - 13/02/2007 - Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading

The European Parliament adopted a resolution drafted by Arlene **McCARTHY** (PES, UK) approving the proposed decision repealing Council Directive 68/89/EEC on the approximation of the laws of the Member States concerning the classification of wood in the rough. The resolution was passed with 570 votes in favour to none against with 7 abstentions.

Classification of wood in the rough

2006/0178(COD) - 20/06/2007 - Final act

PURPOSE: to repeal Directive 68/89/EEC on the approximation of the laws of the Member States concerning the classification of wood in the rough.

LEGISLATIVE ACT: Decision No 714/2007/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council repealing Council Directive 68/89/EEC on the approximation of the laws of the Member States concerning the classification of wood in the rough.

CONTENT: The Council adopted a Decision repealing, with effect from 31 December 2008, Council Directive 68/89/EEC on the approximation of the laws of the Member States concerning the classification of wood in the rough.

Directive 68/89/EEC is repealed because the methods of measurement and classification it lays down differ from the methods of measurement and classification generally and currently applied in transactions between undertakings in the forestry sector and forest-based industries. They have also been found not to be suitable for market needs. As a result, after 31 December 2008, the mark 'EEC classified' will no longer be available for use in marketing.

ENTRY INTO FORCE: 13/07/2007

Classification of wood in the rough

2006/0178(COD) - 29/09/2006 - Legislative proposal

PURPOSE : to repeal Directive 68/89/EEC on the approximation of the laws of the Member States concerning the classification of wood in the rough.

PROPOSED ACT : Decision of the European Parliament and of the Council.

CONTENT : Community policies on better regulation stress the importance of simplification of national and European legislation. The Commission has reviewed the implementation and application of Council Directive 68/89/EEC, adopted on 23rd January 1968, on the approximation of the laws of the Member States concerning the classification of wood in the rough. It has concluded that the legislation should be repealed. Results of a survey by the Commission show that the Directive is not applied to the timber trade. The main reasons mentioned by Member States and industry for not applying the Directive were the following:

- the methods of measurement and classification provided by the Directive differ from the methods applied by enterprises in the sector;
- the classifications by dimensions and by quality provided by the Directive are not detailed enough and are too abstract;
- the classifications provided by the Directive do not take into account the intended uses of wood and are not adapted to market needs;
- European standards for quality and measurement are considered a better option.

Based on the results of this survey, it seems clear that the Directive does not have general application.

Directive 68/89/EEC is not necessary for internal market trade or trade with third countries and no obstacle to trade resulting from the used methods of measurement or classification has been noted in the sector concerned. Therefore, it was decided not to replace the Directive by other legislative measures or to modify it.

The Commission proposes the repeal of the Directive with effect from 31 December 2008.

It is important that the repeal of Directive 68/89/EEC be followed by the repeal of the corresponding national implementing measures, in order to have the desired practical effect. The mark "EEC classified" will no longer be available for use.