Basic information

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

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

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		

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

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

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

Source	Document	Date
National parliaments	IPEX	
European Commission	EUR-Lex	

Final act	
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 68/69/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 31December 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.