Basic information

2025/0133(COD)

COD - Ordinary legislative procedure (ex-codecision procedure)
Directive

Awaiting Parliament's position in 1st reading

Amending certain Directives as regards digitalisation and common specifications (Omnibus IV)

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Amending Directive 2011/65 2008/0240(COD)
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Amending Directive 2014/34 2011/0356(COD)
Amending Directive 2014/35 2011/0357(COD)
Amending Directive 2014/53 2012/0283(COD)
Amending Directive 2014/90 2012/0358(COD)
Amending Directive 2014/68 2013/0221(COD)

Subject

2.10.03 Standardisation, EC/EU standards and trade mark, certification, compliance
3.45.08 Business environment, reduction of the administrative burdens

Legislative priorities

Joint Declaration 2026

Key players

European Parliament

Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
IMCO Internal Market and Consumer Protection	VAN LANSCHOT Reinier (Greens/EFA)	02/10/2025
	Shadow rapporteur SCHWAB Andreas (EPP) SCHALDEMOSE Christel (S&D) JORON Virginie (PfE) NESCI Denis (ECR) HENRIKSSON Anna-Maja (Renew)	

Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
ENVI Environment, Climate and Food Safety	DE LA HOZ QUINTANO Raúl (EPP)	13/10/2025

	TRAN Transport and Tourism	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	

Committee for opinion on the legal basis	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
JURI Legal Affairs	ABADÍA JOVER Maravillas (EPP)	01/07/2026

Council of the European Union	
European Commission	

Commission DG	Commissioner
Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs	SÉJOURNÉ Stéphane

European Economic and Social Committee

Key events

Date	Event	Reference	Summary
21/05/2025	Legislative proposal published	COM(2025)0503	Summary
10/07/2025	Committee referral announced in Parliament, 1st reading		
27/01/2026	Vote in committee, 1st reading		
27/01/2026	Committee decision to open interinstitutional negotiations with report adopted in committee		
16/02/2026	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading	A10-0023/2026	Summary
09/03/2026	Committee decision to enter into interinstitutional negotiations announced in plenary (Rule 72)		
11/03/2026	Committee decision to enter into interinstitutional negotiations confirmed by plenary (Rule 72)		
14/07/2026	Approval in committee of the text agreed at 1st reading interinstitutional negotiations	PE790.896 GEDA/A/(2026)004159	

Forecasts

23/11/2026	Indicative plenary sitting date, 1st reading

Technical information

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Procedure subtype	Legislation
Legislative instrument	Directive

Amendments and repeals	Amending Directive 2000/14 1998/0029(COD) Amending Directive 2011/65 2008/0240(COD) Amending Directive 2013/53 2011/0197(COD) Amending Directive 2014/30 2011/0351(COD) Amending Directive 2014/31 2011/0352(COD) Amending Directive 2014/32 2011/0353(COD) Amending Directive 2014/33 2011/0354(COD) Amending Directive 2014/34 2011/0356(COD) Amending Directive 2014/35 2011/0357(COD) Amending Directive 2014/53 2012/0283(COD) Amending Directive 2014/90 2012/0358(COD) Amending Directive 2014/68 2013/0221(COD)
Legal basis	Rules of Procedure EP 41 Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union TFEU 114
Other legal basis	Rules of Procedure EP 165
Mandatory consultation of other institutions	European Economic and Social Committee
Stage reached in procedure	Awaiting Parliament's position in 1st reading
Committee dossier	IMCO/10/02932

Documentation gateway

European Parliament

Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Amendments tabled in committee		PE779.372	24/10/2025	
Amendments tabled in committee		PE779.373	24/10/2025	
Committee opinion	ENVI	PE778.331	16/12/2025	
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		A10-0023/2026	16/02/2026	Summary
Text agreed during interinstitutional negotiations		PE790.896	26/06/2026	
Specific opinion	JURI	PE792.186	01/10/2026	

Council of the EU

Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
Coreper letter confirming interinstitutional agreement	GEDA/A/(2026)004159	26/06/2026	

European Commission

Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
Legislative proposal	COM(2025)0503	21/05/2025	Summary
Document attached to the procedure	SWD(2025)0130	21/05/2025	
For information	SWD(2026)0022	23/01/2026	
	SWD(2026)0023		

For information		23/01/2026	

National parliaments

Document type	Parliament /Chamber	Reference	Date	Summary
Contribution	IT_CHAMBER	COM(2025)0503	25/09/2025	
Contribution	ES_PARLIAMENT	COM(2025)0503	30/09/2025	

Other institutions and bodies

Institution/body	Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
EESC	Economic and Social Committee: opinion, report	CES1910/2025	18/09/2025	

Additional information

Source	Document	Date
European Commission	EUR-Lex	

Meetings with interest representatives published in line with the Rules of Procedure

Rapporteurs, Shadow Rapporteurs and Committee Chairs

Transparency

Name	Role	Committee	Date	Interest representatives
SCHWAB Andreas	Shadow rapporteur	IMCO	09/06/2026	MARKENVERBAND Franz Kallerhoff
VAN LANSCHOT Reinier	Rapporteur	IMCO	20/03/2026	EUnited-European Engineering Industries Association
VAN LANSCHOT Reinier	Rapporteur	IMCO	10/03/2026	CEN/CENELEC
HENRIKSSON Anna-Maja	Shadow rapporteur	IMCO	21/11/2025	COCIR
WÖLKEN Tiemo	Shadow rapporteur	ENVI	28/10/2025	BEUC
SCHALDEMOSE Christel	Shadow rapporteur	IMCO	07/10/2025	LightingEurope

Other Members

Transparency

Name	Date	Interest representatives
JOUVET Pierre	03/03/2026	Union des entreprises de proximité
		EUROS / AGENCY GROUP

JOUVET Pierre	27/02/2026	Axeptio
AGIUS Peter	08/04/2025	Merck
AGIUS Peter	25/03/2025	PRSforMusic
AGIUS Peter	24/03/2025	Creativity Works!

Amending certain Directives as regards digitalisation and common specifications (Omnibus IV)

2025/0133(COD) - 21/05/2025 - Legislative proposal

PURPOSE: to rationalise and digitalise a number of sectoral Union legal acts lay down harmonised rules regarding the obligations of economic operators.

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

ROLE OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT: the European Parliament decides in accordance with the ordinary legislative procedure and on an equal footing with the Council.

BACKGROUND: the European Commission has introduced a new package to simplify rules and reduce bureaucracy across the Single Market. This **fourth simplification Omnibus package** aims to make it easier for businesses to operate, innovate, and grow, while maintaining high standards of protection for consumers and the environment.

Reporting requirements play a key role in ensuring the correct enforcement and proper monitoring of legislation. The costs of reporting are overall largely offset by the benefits they bring, in particular as regards monitoring and ensuring compliance with key policy measures. However, reporting requirements can also impose a disproportionate burden on stakeholders, particularly SMEs and micro-companies. The accumulation of these requirements over time can result in redundant, duplicate or obsolete obligations, inefficient frequency and timing, or inadequate methods of collection. The Commission promotes the '**digital by default**' principle in its Digital Strategy/Better regulation to support digital transformations, facilitating digital-ready policies that take into account the fast-evolving world of digitalisation and technology, and are digital, interoperable, future-proof and agile by default.

The proposal will **accelerate the digital transition**, eliminating cumbersome paper-based requirements in product legislation. Moreover, by digitising these requirements, companies can submit and distribute information more easily and national authorities can verify compliance more efficiently. It concerns limited and targeted changes of legislation with a view of simplifying reporting requirements and ensuring the digitalisation and alignment of common specifications.

CONTENT: against this background, the directives to be amended by this proposed Directive as regards alignment of common specifications provision, include namely Directive 2000/14/EC on the noise emission in the environment by equipment for use outdoors, Directive 2011/65/EU on restriction of hazardous substances in electrical and electronic equipment, Directive 2013/53/EU on recreational crafts, Directive 2014/29/EU on simple pressure vessels, Directive 2014/30/EU on electromagnetic compatibility, Directive 2014/31/EU on non-automatic weighing instruments, Directive 2014/32/EU on measuring instruments, Directive 2014/33/EU on lifts and safety components for lifts, Directive 2014/34/EU on equipment and protective systems intended for use in potentially explosive atmospheres, Directive 2014/35/EU on electrical equipment designed for use within certain voltage limits, Directive 2014/53/EU on radio equipment, Directive 2014/68/EU on pressure equipment and Directive 2014/90/EU on marine equipment, are harmonised pieces of product legislation under the single market rules, and contain the concept of harmonised standards and presumption of conformity.

This proposal includes:

- specifying that the EU declaration of conformity, or a similar document, must be drawn up in **electronic form** and made accessible through an internet address or machine-readable code when that declaration needs to accompany a product;

- the addition of a **'digital contact'** as information to be indicated by manufacturers on products placed on the market to facilitate communication between economic operators and national authorities. Once the European Business Wallet is available, the digital address it provides to economic operators could constitute the "digital contact";

- specifying that the instructions accompanying products may be provided in electronic form **with the exception of safety information** which should be provided on paper or marked on the product for consumers;

- the amendment of reporting obligations to national authorities that require a 'paper or electronic format' to 'electronic form' only;

- the insertion of an obligation for **exchanges by electronic means** between the economic operators and competent authorities;

- the introduction of a provision on common specifications as an alternative to harmonised standards;

- an obligation to provide the information contained in the **EU declaration of conformity** and instructions on the digital product passport when the product is subject to another Union legislation that requires the use of such a digital product passport.

Amending certain Directives as regards digitalisation and common specifications (Omnibus IV)

2025/0133(COD) - 16/02/2026 - Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading

The Committee on Internal Market and Consumer Protection adopted the report by Reinier VAN LANSCHOT (Greens/EFA, NL) on the proposal for a directive of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Directives 2000/14/EC, 2011/65/EU, 2013/53/EU, 2014/29/EU, 2014/30/EU, 2014/31/EU, 2014/32/EU, 2014/33/EU, 2014/34/EU, 2014/35/EU, 2014/53/EU, 2014/68/EU and 2014/90/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards digitalisation and common specifications.

The committee responsible recommended that the European Parliament adopt its position at first reading by amending the proposal as follows:

Objective

In order to accelerate digitalisation, the proposal introduces limited and targeted changes of legislation with a view of simplifying reporting requirements and ensuring the digitalisation and alignment of common specifications.

The Commission and the Member States are encouraged to provide guidance and practical support, and to promote the development of streamlined and standardised digital tools, with a view to facilitating the digital transition of companies, in particular SMEs and micro-enterprises.

Declaration of conformity directly accessible

The manufacturer should therefore make sure that the EU declaration of conformity is directly accessible through an internet address or a machine-readable code. Direct access via the internet address or the machine-readable code should be free of charge, without the need to provide any personal data, to download or use additional applications specific to the economic operator, or an obligation to register solely in order to access the EU declaration of conformity.

Safety information

Members stressed that safety information and instructions that have an impact on product safety are to be intended as essential details necessary for safe and efficient use under reasonably foreseeable conditions, even if not intended for consumers.

When a product is used solely by professional users, safety information and instructions affecting the safe use of the product may be provided in **digital format**. However, when it is foreseeable that a product, even if primarily intended for professional use, may also be used by consumers, manufacturers should provide the safety information **on paper** or affix a marking directly to the product.

In order to ensure that consumers, including **elderly persons, persons with disabilities or those with limited digital literacy**, are able to access and understand the safety information and instructions, manufacturers should provide information and instructions in a form that is **easily visible and legible**.

When the end user is a **consumer**, they should be able to request instructions or safety information in **printed form** at the time of purchase or for up to **24 months** thereafter (**6 months for a professional**), using accessible means such as the telephone. The manufacturer should send these within **15 business days**. Users should be informed of their right to request printed instructions for use. Manufacturers may provide additional content electronically only (e.g., videos), but if this differs from the electronic format, the printed material must be **clear, understandable, and intelligible,** and sufficient to ensure the safe and correct use of the device or equipment.

Common specifications

The Commission may adopt **implementing acts** which establish common specifications which offer a means of complying with essential requirements where there is no harmonised standard, where the request has not been accepted by any of the European standardisation organisations or where the requested European standards have not been delivered within the specified time or do not meet the request.

The Commission may, as a last resort, by means of implementing acts, adopt common specifications in order to address an **urgent concern** with regard non-compliant materials, components and EEE, which cannot be adequately mitigated by alternative measures. The Commission should provide the European Parliament, in a timely manner. When the European Parliament considers that a common specification or parts thereof do not entirely satisfy the essential requirements, it should inform the Commission thereof by submitting a detailed explanation. The Commission should assess that detailed explanation and may, where appropriate, amend the implementing act establishing the common specification in question.

The Commission should be empowered to adopt implementing acts **until the entry into force** of the revision of Regulation (EU) 1025/2012 on standardisation.

Evaluation

The Commission should, no later than 31 December 2030, carry out an evaluation on the implementation of the provisions introduced by this Directive and submit a report to the European Parliament, to the Council and the European Economic and Social Committee, assessing the following: (a) the impact on SMEs and on the reduction of administrative burdens; (b) the accessibility for end users and authorities; (c) the performance in terms of interoperability and cybersecurity; (d) the impact on environment, product safety and consumer protection incurred through digitalisations; and (e) the need for further harmonised digital tools.

Based on the results of the evaluation, the Commission should consider whether further measures are necessary and feasible to enhance regulatory coherence and to avoid unnecessary duplication of reporting obligations for the relevant economic operators and competent authorities. The Commission should ensure that digital tools and interfaces are interoperable with the digital product passport framework where applicable and that they do not create additional administrative burdens for economic operators, particularly for SMEs.