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MODIFICATION OF THE PROPOSAL FOR A COUNCIL
DIRECTIVE ON THE LIMITATION OF THE NOISE
EMITTED BY COMPRESSORS

(submitted to the Council by the Commission pursuant
to the second paragraph of Article 149 of
the EEC Treaty)

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

In the framework of the application of the programme of action of the European Communities on the environment (1) and the general programme for the elimination of technical barriers to trade in industrial products, adopted by the Council on 28 May 1968 (2) and in its supplement of 21 May 1973 (3), the Commission has on 5 April 1978 submitted to the Council a proposal for a directive on the limitation of the noise emitted by compressors (4).

The purpose of this proposal is to set limit values for sound levels of such equipment and prescribe the method of measurement of that sound.

The European Parliament has given its opinion on this proposal during the session on 19 January 1979.

The Commission has carefully studied the comments of this opinion, and has decided to incorporate the proposed modification and pursuant to article 149, second paragraphe of the Treaty to present a proposal for modification of the initial proposal for a directive.

The proposal for modification concerns :

- article 7, second paragraphe.

The objective of the proposal is to extend the concept of "sensitive areas" which might be interpreted in too limited a sense, e.g. the vicinity of hospitals, old people's homes or schools, to cover also the acoustic environment of densely built-up areas. It appears desirable that the concept of "sensitive areas" is not interpreted in too limited a sense.

(1) J.O. C 112 of 20/12/1973 and C 139 of 13/6/1977

(2) J.O. C 76 of 17/6/1969

(3) J.O. C 38 of 5/6/1973

(4) J.O. C 94 of 19/4/1978

Modification of the proposal for a
Council
directive on the limitation of the noise emitted
by compressors

Preamble and recitals unchanged .

Articles 1 to 7.1. unchanged

Article 7.2. changed as follows :

Member States shall take measures to regulate the use of silenced and unsilenced compressors in densely built-up areas and in areas which they consider particularly sensitive.

Articles 8, 9, 10 and 11 unchanged.