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BARRIERS THAT STILL STAY UP

When crossing the border from England to Scotland there is no customs barrier. No-one asks for passports; no customs officer peers into luggage; a lorry laden with goods can pass from one country to the other without hindrance. For its own internal purposes the United Kingdom is a customs union.

Many people believed that on joining the Common Market there would be similar freedom of movement and of goods within the Community. Since July 1, 1977 the Common External Tariff, covering all nine Member States, offers a common customs front to countries outside the Community, but within it, to the ordinary traveller or businessman, although customs duties have been abolished, little appears to have changed. The German visiting London or the Briton visiting Paris appears to undergo the same formalities as before; while for businessmen, increasing trade with the Community has usually meant even more form filling and paper work than ever.

So what has gone wrong? And what is being done about it?

Different types of barriers

Barriers to trade and movement affect people in different ways. The exporter is particularly concerned with technical barriers, affecting, say, exhaust fumes or braking devices in motor cars, which may inhibit the sale of his product in the wider market of the Community; governments are concerned about maintaining special tariffs, such as on wine and spirits, which bring them revenue; the traveller wants to be free to travel without formality.

Technical and fiscal barriers at least are clear cut and, given the political will, can be dealt with. It is the administrative barriers that are harder to define and often hit the traveller most. These barriers may be imposed for excellent reasons - in the interests of public health; to catch drug peddlers at frontiers; to keep track of criminals; or even to provide general statistical information.

The trouble is that even with the Six, and more so by enlargement, the technical, administrative and fiscal barriers differ from country to country.

For years the Commission has been seeking to remove these barriers by 'harmonizing' legislation, but progress has been slow. Perhaps more pressure from business and industry will persuade governments to move more quickly.

## Technical Barriers

The object of harmonization is not conformity, but agreement on a common framework of standards so that products can be sold competitively throughout the Community. Products for home consumption are not affected by harmonizing legislation, but for exporters the adoption of common standards can be crucial. The motor car is a case in point. Already a number of Community regulations are in force or awaiting approval (See Annex\*) concerning standards of component parts. Provided these component standards are met the design, shape or colour of the car is immaterial. Other such Directives apply to metrological and electrical equipment, measuring instruments, detergents, lift apparatus, cosmetics and so on. But, as the Annex shows, there are still many more proposals in the pipe-line or awaiting adoption by the Council of Ministers.

Since 1969, when the Council of the Six adopted an ambitious programme, based on Article 100 of the Rome Treaty, for the removal of technical barriers to trade, only about 100 such directives have been approved. In the last year or so, however, the approval rate has improved. Apart from greater political will, one reason for this, perhaps, was the Commission's decision at the end of 1976 to scrap a large batch of proposals that had become outdated or were politically unacceptable.

The emphasis now is very much on minimum harmonization compatible with fair and unrestricted trade; the Community has never wanted harmonization for harmonization's sake. This is in line with the view of British industry. The CBI has suggested that only proof of the existence of a real and sustained barrier to trade should be a matter for harmonizing legislation.

## Tax and Company Law

Ideally if industry is to operate easily and flexibly throughout the Community, without coming up against administrative frontiers, companies should be treated on a uniform basis for taxation and accountancy purposes, so that there is no longer any fiscal or legal advantage in basing a company in one Member State rather than another.

It is a principle more easily stated than achieved. Over the years the Commission has submitted a number of proposals on this matter but for the most part they are still on the table. In December 1977, however, the Council adopted a Directive\*\* which would require the competent tax authorities in each Member State to furnish information that could help another Member country in determining the correct liability for taxes on income and capital, including dividends and royalties, particularly as these affect multi-national companies.

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\*\* Council Directive 77/799, OJ L 336, 27 December 1977

For obvious reasons Member States are jealous of their tax prerogatives, and tax harmonisation at Community level has always proved one of the most difficult topics to deal with.

Nevertheless, on 16 May 1977, the Council of Ministers adopted the Sixth Directive on Value Added Tax (VAT)<sup>(1)</sup>, the main objective of which was to enable the Community Budget to be levied from 'own resources' as from January 1, 1978. [Due to the failure of several Member States (but not Britain) to implement the Sixth Directive, the full own resources levy will not now come into effect until 1979].

The Commission has also submitted proposals for a Statute for European Companies<sup>(2)</sup> which has met with considerable hostility from business interests, and has others under consideration on company structure based on some form of employee participation.

As almost any Community regulation in this field would require considerable amendment to national tax or company law, the prospect of progress in the immediate future seems dim.

#### At the customs' barrier

The ordinary citizen, however, is less concerned with the complexities of company law, than with what goes on at the customs barrier, what he pays for his drinks or petrol abroad, and what is available in the duty free shops at ports and airports.

From the Community point of view the situation is chaotic. Member States impose different taxes on oil, tobacco, spirits, wine or beer and apply different concessions on what is allowed into the country duty free.

VAT levels also differ on similar products. In Germany, for instance, VAT is assessed at 11 per cent on cars, whereas in France it is as high as 33<sup>1</sup>/<sub>3</sub> per cent.

Most customs legislation (70 per cent) is harmonized now under Community law; the Commission hopes to see harmonization of the remaining 30 per cent as soon as possible, based on agreed codification. But governments have shown no inclination to hurry, and experience suggests that customs officers are not always informed when Community regulations are supposed to be in force.

The Commission is also concerned about insidious barriers sometimes imposed by governments. These measures are imposed allegedly to protect the consumer or the environment, or in the interests of public health, but in practice they are a form of protectionism that hinders the concept of community.

Even proposals for a common passport have foundered on government disagreements. It is hardly surprising that the ordinary person finds the idea of the Community elusive.

#### Need for action

It is openly admitted today that earlier programmes for harmonization were over ambitious and many proposals put forward were unnecessary. But even this short survey reveals areas where, for citizen and businessman, many irritants could be removed by positive harmonization. The result would be a better appreciation of what the Community is all about. But can governments be persuaded to act?

(1) OJ L No. 145, 13 June 1977, See also BR ISEC/B38/77

(2) Proposal for a Council Regulation on the Statute for European Companies. EC Bulletin, Supplement 4/75

# Article 100 checklist: eliminating technical barriers to trade

Below we print the usual quarterly revision of the checklist showing the directives proposed, approved, or adopted under article 100 of the treaty of Rome. The last list was published in *Trade and Industry*, 14 October. A background article on elimination of technical barriers to trade appeared in the August 1974 issue of the *European Community Commentary*.

A word on terminology. A preliminary draft is really nothing more than a working document for commission working groups, and may appear in any number of revisions. A commission proposal is the final version of the draft as submitted by the commission to the council of ministers. It too may undergo revision as a result of representations by member states at council meetings, and may

even be remitted to the commission for further elaboration.

A directive does not have direct internal effect, but creates obligations on the governments of the member states to ensure that its requirements are strictly and fully implemented, where necessary by national legislation. Once adopted, council directives may be adapted to technical progress by directives issued either by the commission or if necessary, by the council on a proposal from the commission.

The texts of adopted directives are published in the 'L' (Legislation) series of the *Official Journal of the European Communities*, and the text of commission proposals in the 'C' (Information and Notices) series. Preliminary

drafts and council revisions of commission proposals are not published.

In the list below, the dates of issue of the *Official Journal* containing texts of adopted and proposed directives are given where they are known. The *Journal* has appeared in English only since 1 January 1973, but the English texts of adopted directives published before then (together with all other pre-accession community legislation) were issued in a series of special editions of the *Official Journal* in December 1972. Asterisks indicate where changes in the status of documents have occurred during the past quarter. The *Official Journal* is available from HM Stationery Office.

Subject	Reference of directive or latest draft received	Status (where applicable)	Subject	Reference of directive or latest draft received	Status (where applicable)
<b>Motor vehicles</b>					
Type approval	70/156/EEC of 6.2.70 COM(76)721 FINAL	Directive (OJ 23.2.70) Commission amending proposal (OJ 2.2.77)	equipment between vehicles and trailers		
Rear registration plates	70/222/EEC of 20.3.70	Directive (OJ 6.4.70)	Anchorage for safety belts	76/115/EEC of 18.12.75	Directive (OJ 30.1.76)
Sound level and exhaust system	70/157/EEC of 6.2.70 Adapted to technical progress by 73/350/EEC of 7.11.73 77/212/EEC of 8.3.77	Directive (OJ 23.2.70) Commission directive (OJ 22.11.73)	Emission of pollutants by motor vehicles with diesel fuelled (compression ignition) engines *	72/306/EEC of 2.8.72 Corrigendum to 72/306/EEC	Directive (OJ 20.8.72) Directive (OJ 23.11.77)
Fuel tanks and rear protective devices	70/221/EEC of 20.3.70 XI/249/75  XI/260/75 Rev 2	Directive (OJ 6.4.70) Preliminary draft for adaptation to technical progress Preliminary draft for further adaptation to technical progress	External projections	74/483/EEC of 17.9.74 COM(74)2180 FINAL	Directive (OJ 2.10.74) Commission proposal (OJ 14.4.75) Directive (OJ 11.2.74)
Audible warning devices	70/388/EEC of 27.7.70	Directive (OJ 10.8.70)	Devices to prevent the unauthorised use	74/61/EEC of 17.12.73	Directive (OJ 12.8.74)
Air pollution by gases from positive ignition (spark ignition) engines	70/220/EEC of 20.3.70 Adapted to technical progress by 74/290/EEC of 28.5.74 77/102/EEC of 30.11.76	Directive (OJ 6.4.70) Directive (OJ 15.6.74)  Commission directive adapting 70/220/EEC (OJ 3.2.77 L32)	Strength of seats and their anchorages	74/408/EEC of 22.7.74	Directive (OJ 20.6.74)
Steering equipment	70/311/EEC of 8.6.70	Directive (OJ 18.6.70)	Behaviour of the steering mechanism in the event of impact	74/297/EEC of 4.6.74	Directive (OJ 29.8.77)
Doors	70/387/EEC of 27.7.70	Directive (OJ 10.8.70)	Safety belts and restraint systems	77/541/EEC of 28.6.77	Directive (OJ 30.1.76)
Direction indicator lamps	76/759/EEC of 27.7.76	Directive (OJ 27.9.76)	Statutory plates and inscriptions, their location and method of attachment	76/114/EEC of 18.12.75	Commission proposal
Suppression of radio interference produced by spark ignition engines	72/245/EEC of 20.6.72	Directive (OJ 6.7.72)	Windscreen defrosting and demisting systems	COM(76)571 FINAL	Commission proposal
Installation of lighting and light signalling devices	76/756/EEC of 27.7.76	Directive (OJ 27.9.76)	Interior fittings - seats (other than strength of seats and anchorages)	Work not started	
Windscreen-wiper and windscreen-washer systems	COM(76)571 FINAL	Commission proposal	Special provisions for public transport vehicles	XI/347/76	Preliminary draft
Field of vision	COM(75)619 FINAL Directive adopted but not yet published	Commission proposal (OJ C54 of 8.3.76) Directive adopted but not yet published	Special provisions for taxis	Work not started	Preliminary draft
Rear-view mirrors	71/127/EEC of 1.3.71 XI/453/76 COM(68)633 FINAL	Directive (OJ 22.3.71) Preliminary draft Commission proposal withdrawn. Further work in hand	Special provisions for goods vehicles	XI/1042/76	Preliminary draft
Electrical connections between vehicles and their trailers	75/443/EEC of 26.6.75	Directive (OJ 26.7.75)	Towing devices	77/389/EEC of 17.5.77	Directive (OJ 13.6.77)
Reverse and speedometer equipment	Work not started		Legs of trailers and semi-trailers	XI/508/73 Rev 1	Preliminary draft
Electrical circuits	Work not started		Reflex reflectors	76/757/EEC of 27.7.76	Directive (OJ 27.9.76)
Maximum speed (method of determination)	Work not started		Front fog lamps and filament lamps	76/762/EEC of 27.7.76	Directive (OJ 27.9.76)
Braking devices	71/320/EEC of 26.7.71 Adapted to technical progress by 74/132/EEC of 11.2.74 Adapted further to technical progress by 75/524/EEC of 25.7.75	Directive (OJ 6.9.71) Commission directive (OJ 19.3.74)  Commission directive (OJ 8.9.75) and corrigendum (OJ 23.9.75)	Rear registration plate lamps	76/760/EEC of 27.7.76	Directive (OJ 27.9.76)
Safety glass	COM(72)981 FINAL	Commission proposal (OJ 16.11.72)	End-outline marker lamps, front position (side) lamps, rear position (side) lamps, and stop lamps	76/758/EEC of 27.7.76	Directive (OJ 27.9.76)
Interior fittings (interior part of the passenger compartment other than interior rear-view mirrors, layout of controls, roof or sliding roof, backrest and rear part of seats)	74/60/EEC of 17.12.73	Directive (OJ 11.2.74)	Headlamps	76/761/EEC of 27.7.76	Directive (OJ 27.9.76)
Arrangement of foot controls	XI/341/76	Preliminary draft	Rear fog lamps	77/538/EEC of 28.6.77	Directive (OJ 29.8.77)
Identification of controls, tell-tales and indicators	COM(76)571 FINAL	Commission proposal	Parking lamps	77/540/EEC of 28.6.77	Directive (OJ 29.8.77)
Tyres	COM(76)712 FINAL	Commission proposal (OJ 14.2.77)	Reversing lamps	77/539/EEC of 28.6.77	Directive (OJ 29.8.77)
Mechanical coupling	XI/14/77	Preliminary draft	Hazard warning devices	Work not started	
			Springs	Work not started	
			Verification of fuel consumption	XI/702/76	Preliminary draft
			Heating systems	COM(76)702 FINAL	Commission proposal (OJ 14.2.77)
			Wheel guards	COM(76)702 FINAL	Commission proposal (OJ 14.2.77)
			Weights and dimensions	COM(76)701 FINAL	Commission proposal
			<b>Tractors and agricultural machinery</b>		
			Type approval	74/150/EEC of 4.3.74	Directive (OJ 28.3.74)
			Maximum design speed and load platforms	74/152/EEC of 4.3.74	Directive (OJ 28.3.74)
			Certain parts and characteristics	74/151/EEC of 4.3.74	Directive (OJ 28.3.74)
			Projecting parts	XI/48/74	Preliminary draft following reconsideration of COM(68)565 FINAL
			Towable load	COM(68)565 FINAL	Commission proposal referred back for further consideration
			Rear-view mirrors	74/346/EEC of 25.6.74	Directive (OJ 15.7.74)
			Lighting and light signalling devices	COM(74)895 FINAL	Commission proposal (OJ 13.9.74)
			Steering equipment	75/321/EEC of 20.5.75	Directive (OJ 9.8.75)

Subject	Reference of directive or latest draft received	Status (where applicable)	Subject	Reference of directive or latest draft received	Status (where applicable)
Power connection for lighting and light signalling devices	75/323/EEC of 20.5.75	Directive (OJ 9.6.75)	Instruments for determining the fat content of dairy produce	Work started but no papers yet available	
Suppression of radio interference produced by spark-ignition engines	75/322/EEC of 20.5.75	Directive (OJ 9.6.75)	Metallic manometers	III/1919/72	Preliminary draft in abeyance. Further work in hand
Driver's seat	XI/604/76	Preliminary draft	Apparatus for measuring arterial pressure	Work started but no papers yet available	
Passenger seats	76/763/EEC of 27.7.76	Directive (OJ 27.9.76)	Weights of from 1 mg to 50 kg of above medium accuracy	74/148/EEC of 4.3.74	Directive (OJ 28.3.74)
Coupling between tractor and trailer	COM(68)565 FINAL	Commission proposal referred back for further consideration	Instruments for measuring moisture content of grain	XI/86/74	Preliminary draft
Braking devices	76/432/EEC of 6.4.76	Directive (OJ 8.5.76)	Electronic devices incorporated or associated with measuring instruments	XI/667/76 Rev 4	Preliminary draft
Safety glass	XI/299/74	Preliminary draft	Units of measurement	71/354/EEC of 18.10.71	Directive (OJ 29.10.71)
Emission of pollutants from diesel engines	77/537/EEC of 28.6.77	Directive (OJ 29.8.77)	Check-weighing and grading machines	76/770/EEC of 27.7.76	Amending directive (OJ 27.9.76)
Tyres	Work not yet started		Making up by weight or by volume of certain prepackaged products	Corrigenda to 76/770/EEC COM(75)573 FINAL	Commission proposal (OJ 8.3.76)
Power take-off	Work started but no papers yet available		Differential pressure gasmeters	76/211/EEC of 20.1.76	Directive (OJ 21.2.76 L46)
Field of vision and windscreen wipers	74/347/EEC of 25.6.74	Directive (OJ 15.7.74)	Ranges of nominal quantities permitted for certain prepackaged products	Work not yet started	
Location and attachment of statutory plates and inscriptions	Work started but no papers yet available		Scales of charges for the testing of gas meters	COM(76)384 FINAL	Commission proposal (OJ 18.8.76)
Length, width and unladen height	Work started but no papers yet available		Instruments for measuring pollution of air	COM(74)776 FINAL	Commission proposal (OJ 1.7.74)
Maximum authorised weight on each axle and distribution of weight between axles	Work started but no papers yet available		Electrical	Work not yet started	
Maximum vertical load applied to mechanical coupling devices	XI/509/73	Preliminary draft	Electrical equipment designed for use within certain voltage limits	73/23/EEC of 19.2.73	Directive (OJ 26.3.73)
Speed governor	Work started but no papers yet available		Electro-medical equipment	COM(74)2178 FINAL	Commission proposal (OJ 12.2.75)
Reverse gear	Work started but no papers yet available		Medical X-ray equipment	76/117/EEC of 18.12.75	Directive (OJ 30.1.76)
Rollover protection structures	77/536/EEC of 28.6.77	Directive (OJ 29.8.77)	Electrical equipment for use in potentially explosive atmospheres (framework directive)	XI/508/75	Preliminary draft
	XI/1036/76 Rev 1	Preliminary draft	Electrical equipment for use in explosive atmospheres (special directive)	XI/1119/76 Rev 1	Preliminary draft
	III/794/77	Modification of XI/1036/76 Rev 1	Radio interference caused by electrical household appliances, portable tools and similar equipment	XI/79/77	Amendment
Other means of protection against the weather	Work started but no papers yet available		Suppression of radio interference from fluorescent lighting luminaires	XI/80/77	Amendment
Location identification and operation of controls	XI/44/74	Preliminary draft	Suppression of radio interference from radio and television sets	76/889/EEC of 4.11.76	Directive (OJ 4.12.76)
Coupling hooks (front coupling devices)	Work started but no papers yet available		Suppression of radio interference from industrial, scientific and medical equipment	Corrigendum	Directive (OJ 28.4.77 L105)
Driver-perceived noise level	77/311/EEC of 29.3.77	Directive (OJ 28.4.77)	Plugs and sockets	XI/685/76	Preliminary draft withdrawn, revision in preparation
<b>Metrological</b>			<b>Textiles</b>		
General directive	71/316/EEC of 26.7.71	Directive (OJ 6.9.71)	Textile names	71/307/EEC of 26.7.71	Directive (OJ 16.8.71)
	72/427/EEC of 19.12.72	Amending directive (OJ 28.12.72)	Quantitative analysis of binary textile fibre mixtures	75/36/EEC of 17.12.74	Directive supplementing 71/307/EEC (OJ 20.1.75)
Clinical mercury-in-glass maximum reading thermometers	76/764/EEC of 27.7.76	Directive (OJ 27.9.76)	Quantitative analysis of ternary fibre mixtures	72/276/EEC of 17.7.72	Directive (OJ 31.7.72)
Medium accuracy bar and cylindrical weights	71/317/EEC of 26.7.71	Directive (OJ 6.9.71)	Quantitative analysis of mixtures of fibres of the same chemical nature	73/44/EEC of 26.2.73	Directive (OJ 30.3.73)
Measuring of the standard mass per storage volume of grain	71/347/EEC of 12.10.71	Directive (OJ 25.10.71)	Elimination of foreign matter	Work started but no papers yet available	
Calibration of the tanks of vessels	71/349/EEC of 12.10.71	Directive (OJ 25.10.71)	<b>Pressure vessels</b>		
Material measures of length	73/362/EEC of 19.11.73	Directive (OJ 5.12.73)	General directive	76/767/EEC of 27.7.76	Directive (OJ 27.9.76)
	III/771/77 Rev 1	Preliminary draft	Seamless steel gas cylinders	COM(72)1689	Commission proposal
Non-automatic weighing machines	73/360/EEC of 19.11.73	Directive (OJ 5.12.73)	Aerosol dispensers	75/324/EEC of 20.5.75	Directive (OJ 9.6.75)
	76/696/EEC of 27.7.76	Commission directive: technical progress adaptation (OJ 27.8.76)	Seamless aluminium alloy gas cylinders	COM(74)966 FINAL	Commission proposal (OJ 13.9.74)
Electrical energy meters	76/891/EEC of 4.11.76	Directive (OJ 4.12.76)	Welded unalloyed steel gas cylinders	COM(74)965 FINAL	Commission proposal (OJ 13.9.74)
Meters for liquids other than water	71/319/EEC of 26.7.71	Directive (OJ 26.7.71)	Unfired pressure vessels of welded steel	XI/584/75	Preliminary draft
Measuring systems for liquids other than water	77/313/EEC of 5.4.77	Directive (OJ 28.4.77)	Shell boilers for producing steam or hot water	Work started but no papers yet available	
Ancillary equipment for meters for liquids other than water	71/348/EEC of 12.10.71	Directive (OJ 25.10.71)	<b>Dangerous substances and preparations</b>		
Gas volume meters	71/318/EEC of 26.7.71	Directive (OJ 6.9.71)	Classification packaging and labelling of dangerous substances	67/548/EEC of 27.6.67	Directive (OJ 16.8.67)
	Adapted to technical progress by 74/331/EEC of 12.6.74	Commission directive (OJ 12.7.74)		73/146/EEC of 21.5.73	Amending directive (OJ 25.6.73)
	XI/355/76 Rev 3	Preliminary draft		75/409/EEC of 24.6.75	Amending directive (OJ 14.7.75)
Making-up by volume of certain prepackaged liquids *	75/106/EEC of 19.12.74	Commission amending proposal (OJ 19.10.77)		76/907/EEC of 14.7.76	Commission directive adapting to technical progress 67/548/EEC (OJ 30.12.76)
	XI/948/76			COM(76)433 FINAL	Commission amending proposal (OJ 5.11.76)
	XI/1082/76				
Bottles used as measuring containers	75/107/EEC of 19.12.74	Directive (OJ 15.2.75)			
Cold water meters	75/33/EEC of 17.12.74	Directive (OJ 20.1.75)			
Hot water meters *	XI/996/76 Rev 1	Preliminary draft			
	COM(77)495 FINAL	Commission proposal			
Thermal energy meters	III/214/77	Preliminary draft			
Road and rail transport tanks for use as measuring containers	77/95/EEC of 21.12.76	Directive (OJ 31.1.77)			
Taximeters	76/765/EEC of 27.7.76	Directive (OJ 27.9.76)			
Alcoholmeters and alcohol hydrometers	Corrigenda	Directive (OJ 5.3.77)			
Alcohol tables	76/766/EEC of 27.7.76	Directive (OJ 27.9.76)			
Saccharimeters	Work started but no papers yet available				
Continuous totalising weighing machines	75/410/EEC of 24.6.75	Directive (OJ 14.7.75)			

Subject	Reference of directive or latest draft received	Status (where applicable)	Subject	Reference of directive or latest draft received	Status (where applicable)
Classification, packaging and labelling of pesticides	COM(74)2193 FINAL	Commission proposal (OJ 20.2.75)	Marketing of high nitrogen content ammonium nitrate based fertiliser	COM(75)635 FINAL	Commission proposal (OJ 23.1.76)
Approval and putting into circulation of agricultural pesticides	15.175/VI/69 COM(76)427 FINAL	Preliminary draft Commission proposal	<b>Gas pipelines</b>		
Explosives	13269/III/70	Preliminary draft	Gas pipelines (construction)	18.871/III/69	Preliminary draft thought to be withdrawn with oil pipelines (see 11/1)
Classification, packaging and labelling of dangerous preparations (solvents)	73/173/EEC of 4.6.73 III/Ex XI/790/76 Rev 4	Directive (OJ 11.7.73) Draft amending directive	<b>Fuels</b>		
Classification, packaging and labelling of paints, varnishes, glues and related products *	COM(75)311 FINAL 77/728/EEC of 7.11.77	Commission proposal (OJ 23.7.75) Directive (OJ 28.11.77)	Problem of the lead content of petrol	COM(73)2050 FINAL	Commission proposal (OJ 31.1.74)
Classification, packaging and labelling of dangerous products of general use in the home (household preparations)	XI/780/76 XI/1/76 Rev 1	Preliminary draft Preliminary draft	Sulphur content of certain liquid fuels	75/716/EEC of 24.11.75	Directive (OJ 27.11.75)
Corrosives	Work started but no papers yet available		Use of fuel-oils with aim of decreasing sulphurous emissions	COM(75)681 FINAL COM(77)407 FINAL	Commission proposal (OJ 8.3.76) Commission amending proposal
Detergents	73/404/EEC of 22.11.73 73/405/EEC of 22.11.73	Directive (OJ 17.12.73) Directive (OJ 17.12.73)	<b>Rubber and plastics</b>		
Methods of testing the biodegradability of anionic surfactants	XI/315/76	Preliminary draft	Reinforced plastic tanks for carriage of dangerous substances by road	COM(71)1446 FINAL	Commission proposal (OJ 15.3.72)
Methods of testing the biodegradability of non-ionic surfactants	Work in abeyance		<b>Construction materials</b>		
Detergents - toxicity	76/769/EEC of 27.7.76	Directive (OJ 27.9.76)	Cement	Work in abeyance	
Restrictions on the marketing and use of certain dangerous substances and preparations	III/366/77 Rev 1	Preliminary draft	Ceramic tiles	Work in abeyance	
Restrictions on the marketing and use of certain types of asbestos fibre	III/365/77	Preliminary draft	Flat glass	XI/437/74	Preliminary draft
Classification, packaging and labelling of dangerous substances not covered by original directive 67/548/EEC	73/361/EEC of 19.11.73 76/434/EEC of 13.4.76	Directive (OJ 5.12.73) Commission directive (OJ 8.5.76) Adapting 73/361/EEC to technical progress Commission proposal (OJ 29.9.75)	PVC pipes	Work in abeyance	
<b>Lifts and lifting apparatus</b>			Fire resistance	XI/790/75 Rev 2	Preliminary draft
Certification and marking of wire ropes, chains and hooks	COM(75)336 FINAL	Commission proposal (OJ 29.9.75) Preliminary draft	Water supply equipment	Work was proposed by the tripartite working group but the project was shelved III/1098/77-EN (New item)	Preliminary draft
Common provisions for lifting and mechanical handling appliances (general directive)	XI/276/76 Rev 1 XI/882/76	Preliminary draft Preliminary draft	Construction products (Framework directive)		
Tower cranes for building work	Work started but no papers yet available		<b>Building and civil engineering equipment and machines</b>		
Builders' hoists	COM(75)336 FINAL	Commission proposal (OJ 29.9.75) Preliminary draft	General directive	COM(74)2195 FINAL	Commission proposal (OJ 14.4.75)
Conveyor-belts	XI/216/74 Rev 1	Preliminary draft	Determination of the noise produced by construction plant and equipment (alteration in title)		
Electrically-operated lifts	XI/217/74	Preliminary draft	Permissible sound level for pneumatic concrete-breakers and jackhammers	COM(75)558 FINAL	Commission proposal (OJ 8.3.76)
Powered industrial trucks	XI/270/75	Preliminary draft (but now agreed to divide into three separate directives - 9/3, 9/4, 9/5)	Permissible sound emission level for tower cranes	XI/28/75 Rev 1	Preliminary draft
<b>Machine tools and machines</b>			Permissible sound level of grass cutting machines		
Common provisions for the working of metals, wood, paper and other materials	Work started but no papers yet available		Permissible sound emission level for current generators for welding	COM(75)558 FINAL	Commission proposal (OJ 8.3.76)
Grinding wheels and grinding machines	Work started but no papers yet available		Permissible sound emission level for current generators for power supply		
Portable grinding machines	Work started but no papers yet available		Noise emitted by air compressors (Site safety)	ENV/168/77 Rev 1	Preliminary draft
Fixed grinding machines	69/493/EEC of 15.12.69	Directive (OJ 29.12.69)	Roll-over protective structures	XI/554/75	Preliminary draft
Grinding wheels	COM(75)336 FINAL	Commission proposal (OJ 29.9.75) Preliminary draft	Falling-object protective structures	XI/555/75	Preliminary draft
Woodworking machines	XI/217/74	Preliminary draft	Dimensions of operators' cabins	XI/556/75	Preliminary draft
<b>Crystal glass</b>			Protecting guards and shields (Road safety)	XI/557/75	Preliminary draft
Crystal glass	Work started but no papers yet available		Tower cranes: safety aspects	Work started but no papers yet received	
<b>Oil pipelines</b>			<b>Mopeds</b>		
Oil pipelines (construction)	COM(68)640 FINAL	Proposal withdrawn (OJ 3.2.77 C26)	Type approval	COM(72)1645 FINAL COM(73)1732 FINAL	Commission proposal Commission amending proposal
<b>Precious metals</b>			Engines	Work started but no papers yet received	
Articles made from precious metals	COM(75)607 FINAL	Commission proposal (OJ 16.1.76)	Noise	Work started but no papers yet received	
<b>Gas appliances</b>			Braking devices	XI/710/75	Preliminary draft
Safety and control devices for appliances using gaseous fuels	COM(74)2179 FINAL	Commission proposal (OJ 16.6.75)	<b>Motor cycles</b>		
Instantaneous production of hot water for sanitary purposes	COM(74)2179 FINAL	Commission proposal (OJ 16.6.75)	Type approval	COM(74)2177 FINAL	Commission proposal (OJ 20.2.75)
Cookers	Work started but no papers yet available		Permissible sound level and exhaust system	COM(75)634 FINAL	Commission proposal (OJ C54 of 8.3.76)
Central heating boilers	Work started but no papers yet available		Fuel system integrity	XI/567/75	Preliminary draft
Gas governors	Work started but no papers yet available		<b>Non-military arms and ammunition</b>	Work started but no papers yet received	
Independent space heaters	Work started but no papers yet available		<b>Firefighting equipment</b>		
<b>Fertilisers</b>			Portable fire extinguishers	Work started but no papers yet received	
General directive	76/116/EEC of 18.12.75	Directive (OJ 30.1.76)	<b>Metal scaffolding</b>		
Sampling and methods of analysis	77/535/EEC of 22.6.77	Directive (OJ 22.8.77)	Working metal scaffolds	XI/34/76	Preliminary draft suspended <i>sine die</i>
			<b>Packaging materials</b>	Work not yet started	
			<b>Educational materials</b>	Work not yet started	
			<b>Equipment using ionising rays</b>	Work started but no papers yet received	
			<b>Protective clothing and equipment</b>		
			Protective helmets (industrial)	Work started but no papers yet received	
			Safety helmets for motor vehicle drivers and their passengers	XI/227/75	Preliminary draft

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<b>Respiratory protective devices</b>	Work started but no papers yet received		<b>Food additives</b>		
<b>Industrial safety belts and harnesses</b>	Work started but no papers yet received		Acids, bases and salts	2607/VI/76	Preliminary draft
<b>Eye protectors</b>	Work started but no papers yet received		Antioxidants	70/357/EEC of 13.7.70 74/412/EEC of 12.8.74	Directive (OJ 18.7.70) Amending directive (OJ 12.8.74)
<b>Protective footwear</b>	Work started but no papers yet received			COM(77)611 FINAL	Commission proposal (OJ 13.12.77)
<b>Boats and their fittings</b>				COM(76)573 FINAL	Commission proposal on specific criteria of purity
Type approval	COM(76)393 FINAL	Commission proposal (OJ 24.8.76)	<b>Colouring matters</b>	2645 of 23.10.62 65/469/EEC of 25.10.65	Directive (OJ 11.11.62)
<b>Pleasure craft made of reinforced plastic</b>	XI/592/74	Preliminary draft		67/653/EEC of 24.10.67	Amending directive (OJ 26.10.65)
<b>Cosmetics</b>				68/419/EEC of 20.12.68	Amending directive (OJ 30.10.67)
Cosmetic products	76/768/EEC of 27.7.76	Directive (OJ 27.9.76)		70/358/EEC of 13.7.70	Amending directive (OJ 24.12.68)
<b>Leaching of substances into foodstuffs</b>				76/399/EEC of 6.4.76	Amending directive (OJ 18.7.70)
General directive	76/893/EEC of 23.11.76	Directive (OJ 9.12.76)		COM(77)609 FINAL	Commission proposal (OJ 26.4.76)
Materials and articles in glass intended to come into contact with foodstuffs	687/VI/73 2637/VI/75	Preliminary draft	<b>Emulsifiers, stabilisers, thickeners and gelling agents</b>	74/329/EEC of 18.6.74 COM(77)304 FINAL	Directive (OJ 12.7.74) Commission proposal (OJ 1.10.77)
Materials and articles in stainless steel intended to come into contact with foodstuffs	688/VI/73	Preliminary draft		COM(77)344 FINAL	Commission proposal on specific criteria of purity
Materials and articles in ceramics intended to come into contact with foodstuffs*	COM(74)2173 FINAL	Commission proposal (OJ 27.2.75)	<b>Flavourings</b>	3394/VI/76 III/1295/77	Preliminary draft
Materials and articles in plastics intended to come into contact with foodstuffs*	3003/VI/74 4235/VI/75 980/VI/77	Preliminary draft	<b>Preservatives</b>	64/54/EEC of 5.11.63 65/569/EEC of 23.12.65	Preliminary draft Directive (OJ 27.1.64)
Materials and articles which contain vinyl chloride monomer and are intended to come into contact with foodstuffs	COM(76)680 FINAL	Commission proposal (OJ 21.1.77)		66/722/EEC of 14.12.66	Amending directive (OJ 28.12.65)
Materials and articles in regenerated cellulose film intended to come into contact with foodstuffs*	2642/VI/76 (New item)	Preliminary draft		67/427/EEC of 27.6.67	Amending directive (OJ 20.12.66)
<b>Toys</b>				68/420/EEC of 20.12.68	Amending directive (OJ 11.7.67)
Toys safety requirements	XI/288/74	Preliminary draft		70/359/EEC of 13.7.70	Amending directive (OJ 24.12.68)
<b>Noise in the domestic environment</b>	Work started but no papers yet received			71/160/EEC of 30.3.71	Amending directive (OJ 18.7.70)

## Food-law harmonisation directives

The following is a list of food-law harmonisation directives, which have been adopted or are under discussion in the European Economic Community.

Further information about the directives may be obtained from the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, Room 514, Great Westminster House, Horseferry Road, London SW1P 2AE, tel. 01-216 6420.

Subject	Reference of directive or latest draft received	Status (where applicable)	Subject	Reference of directive or latest draft received	Status (where applicable)
<b>Food</b>			<b>Starches</b>	III/973/77	Preliminary draft
Cocoa and chocolate products	73/241/EEC of 24.7.73 74/411/EEC of 1.8.74	Directive (OJ 16.8.73) Amending directive (OJ 12.8.74)	<b>Solvents</b>	2373/VI/76	Preliminary draft
	74/644/EEC of 19.12.74	Amending directive (OJ 28.12.74)	<b>Materials and articles intended to come into contact with foodstuffs</b>		
	75/155/EEC of 4.3.75	Amending directive (OJ 11.3.75)	General directive	76/893/EEC of 23.11.76	Directive (OJ 9.12.76)
	76/628/EEC of 20.7.76	Amending directive (OJ 16.8.76)	Materials and articles in glass intended to come into contact with foodstuffs	1892/VI/75	Preliminary draft
	4198/VI/76 III/970/77 COM(77)658 FINAL	Preliminary draft Preliminary draft Commission proposal (OJ 10.1.78)	Materials and articles in stainless steel intended to come into contact with foodstuffs	688/VI/73	Proposals in abeyance
<b>Euric acid levels in food</b>	76/621/EEC of 20.7.76	Directive (OJ 28.7.76)	Materials and articles in ceramics intended to come into contact with foodstuffs	COM(74)2173 FINAL	Commission proposal (OJ 27.2.75)
Certain sugars	73/437/EEC of 11.12.73 III/797/77	Directive (OJ 27.12.73) Preliminary draft	Materials and articles in plastics intended to come into contact with foodstuffs	980/VI/77	Preliminary draft
Certain partly or wholly dehydrated preserved milk	76/118/EEC of 18.12.75 COM(77)155 FINAL	Directive (OJ 30.1.76) Commission proposal (OJ 25.5.77)	Materials and articles, which contain vinyl chloride and are intended to come into contact with foodstuffs	COM(76)680 FINAL	Commission proposal (OJ 21.1.77)
<b>Honey</b>	74/409/EEC of 22.7.74	Directive (OJ 12.8.74)			
Fruit juices and similar products	75/726/EEC of 17.11.75	Directive (OJ 1.12.75)			
<b>Natural mineral waters</b>	COM(70)441 FINAL	Commission proposal (OJ 11.6.70)			
<b>Foodstuffs for particular nutritional uses</b>	77/94/EEC of 21.12.76	Directive (OJ 31.1.77)			
Jams, marmalades, fruit jellies	COM(75)419 FINAL	Commission proposal (OJ 4.9.75)			
Coffee extracts and chicory extracts	77/436/EEC of 27.6.77	Directive (OJ 12.7.77)			
<b>Labelling, presentation and advertising of foodstuffs</b>	COM(76)107 FINAL	Commission proposal (OJ 22.4.76)			
<b>Tomato products</b>					
tomato concentrates	1821/VI/76	Preliminary draft			
preserved tomatoes	1822/VI/76	Preliminary draft			
<b>Soft drinks</b>	3306/VI/76	Preliminary draft			
Processing and handling of quick frozen foods	III/576/77	Preliminary draft			
<b>Vinegar</b>	VI/2710/75	Preliminary draft			

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