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## **RECOMMENDATION FOR SECOND READING**

on the Council common position for adopting a directive of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Council Directive 80/181/EEC on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to units of measurement  
(11915/3/2008 – C6-0425/2008 – 2007/0187(COD))

Committee on the Internal Market and Consumer Protection

Rapporteur: Arlene McCarthy

### ***Symbols for procedures***

- \* Consultation procedure  
*majority of the votes cast*
- \*\*I Cooperation procedure (first reading)  
*majority of the votes cast*
- \*\*II Cooperation procedure (second reading)  
*majority of the votes cast, to approve the common position  
majority of Parliament's component Members, to reject or amend  
the common position*
- \*\*\* Assent procedure  
*majority of Parliament's component Members except in cases  
covered by Articles 105, 107, 161 and 300 of the EC Treaty and  
Article 7 of the EU Treaty*
- \*\*\*I Codecision procedure (first reading)  
*majority of the votes cast*
- \*\*\*II Codecision procedure (second reading)  
*majority of the votes cast, to approve the common position  
majority of Parliament's component Members, to reject or amend  
the common position*
- \*\*\*III Codecision procedure (third reading)  
*majority of the votes cast, to approve the joint text*

(The type of procedure depends on the legal basis proposed by the Commission.)

### ***Amendments to a legislative text***

In amendments by Parliament, amended text is highlighted in ***bold italics***. In the case of amending acts, passages in an existing provision that the Commission has left unchanged, but that Parliament wishes to amend, are highlighted in **bold**. Any deletions that Parliament wishes to make in passages of this kind are indicated thus: [...]. Highlighting in *normal italics* is an indication for the relevant departments showing parts of the legislative text for which a correction is proposed, to assist preparation of the final text (for instance, obvious errors or omissions in a given language version). Suggested corrections of this kind are subject to the agreement of the departments concerned.

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## DRAFT EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION

**on the Council common position for adopting a directive of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Council Directive 80/181/EEC on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to units of measurement (11915/3/2008 – C6-0425/2008 – 2007/0187(COD))**

**(Codecision procedure: second reading)**

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to the Council common position (11915/3/2008 – C6-0425/2008),
  - having regard to its position at first reading<sup>1</sup> on the Commission proposal to Parliament and the Council (COM(2007)0510),
  - having regard to Article 251(2) of the EC Treaty,
  - having regard to Rule 67 of its Rules of Procedure,
  - having regard to the recommendation for second reading of the Committee on the Internal Market and Consumer Protection (A6-0476/2008),
1. Approves the common position;
  2. Notes that the act is adopted in accordance with the common position;
  3. Instructs its President to sign the act with the President of the Council pursuant to Article 254(1) of the EC Treaty;
  4. Instructs its Secretary-General to sign the act, once it has been verified that all the procedures have been duly completed, and, in agreement with the Secretary-General of the Council, to have it published in the Official Journal of the European Union;
  5. Instructs its President to forward its position to the Council and Commission.

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<sup>1</sup> OJ C 297 E, 20.11.2008, p. 105.

## EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

Following the Parliament's approval of the Commission's proposal without amendment in First Reading, the Council adopted a Common Position which adds further provisions to reflect changes to the International Standards (SI) system and to provide for a Commission report-back on developments in relation to Directive 80/181/EEC, in particular as concerns the smooth functioning of the internal market and international trade, ten years after the entry into force of this amending directive. Accordingly, the Common Position has inserted a new Article 6b on the Commission report on these effects, and added a corresponding new recital (4). The Council has also drawn attention to the need to further the acceptance in third country markets of products labelled only in SI units, with a new recital (5).

The changes to the Commission proposal are technical and reflect developments within the SI system singled out in the resolution of the 2007 General Conference on Weights and Measures, by making reference to additional new units of measurement (kelvin), and by making the "radian" and "steradian" dimensionless.

On behalf of the Committee of Internal Market and Consumer Protection and pursuant to the Coordinator's decision of 24 June 2008, the Chair accordingly recommends the approval by the European Parliament of the Common position in second reading without amendment.

## PROCEDURE

<b>Title</b>	Units of measurement
<b>References</b>	11915/3/2008 – C6-0425/2008 – 2007/0187(COD)
<b>Date of Parliament's first reading – P number</b>	29.11.2007                      T6-0546/2007
<b>Commission proposal</b>	COM(2007)0510 - C6-0277/2007
<b>Date receipt of common position announced in plenary</b>	20.11.2008
<b>Committee responsible</b> Date announced in plenary	IMCO 20.11.2008
<b>Rapporteur(s)</b> Date appointed	Arlene McCarthy 3.10.2007
<b>Discussed in committee</b>	1.12.2008
<b>Date adopted</b>	2.12.2008
<b>Result of final vote</b>	+:                      28 -:                      0 0:                      0
<b>Members present for the final vote</b>	Gabriela Crețu, Janelly Fourtou, Evelyne Gebhardt, Martí Grau i Segú, Małgorzata Handzlik, Malcolm Harbour, Christopher Heaton-Harris, Anna Hedh, Edit Herczog, Eija-Riitta Korhola, Lasse Lehtinen, Toine Manders, Catuscia Marini, Arlene McCarthy, Catherine Neris, Bill Newton Dunn, Zita Pleštinská, Zuzana Roithová, Heide Rühle, Leopold Józef Rutowicz, Christel Schaldemose, Andreas Schwab, Marianne Thyssen, Barbara Weiler
<b>Substitute(s) present for the final vote</b>	Emmanouil Angelakas, Brigitte Fouré, Joel Hasse Ferreira, Anja Weisgerber