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OPINION

of the Committee on Employment and Social Affairs

for the Committee on Transport and Tourism

on the proposal for a directive of the European Parliament and of the Council
on market access to port services
(COM(2004)0654 – C6-0147/2005 – 2004/0240(COD))

Draftsman: Stephen Hughes

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AMENDMENTS

The Committee on Employment and Social Affairs calls on the Committee on Transport and Tourism, as the committee responsible, to incorporate the following amendments in its report:

Proposal for a directive

Amendment 1

Rejects the proposal for a directive.

Justification

The European Commission does not make clear that there is insufficient access to the market of port services. The Commission proposal undermines national rules and brings more legal insecurity for all concerned. The proposal shall not lead to more equal competition conditions between ports.

Furthermore, the Commission reintroduces this new proposal for a Port Services Directive without taking into account the reasons why the Parliament on November 20, 2003 rejected the result of the conciliation committee on the former Commission proposal. The Parliament expressed serious concerns about the possible social and environmental consequences of the proposals on self handling and pilotage. As the Commission has not taken into account these concerns and has not organised a consultation with the most important stakeholders, we propose to reject this new proposal giving a clear signal to the Commission that serious consultation with all stakeholders has to be organised before adopting a proposal.

Amendment 2 Paragraph 1 a (new)

1a. Calls on the Commission to submit a proposal for a directive on transparency and equal market conditions between ports.

Justification

As stated by the European Parliament the main objective of the Directive should concentrate on competition between the ports rather than within ports.

PROCEDURE

Title	Proposal for a directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on market access to port services
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Result of final vote	for: 18 against: 10 abstentions: 01
Members present for the final vote	Jan Andersson, Iles Braghetto, Philip Bushill-Matthews, Milan Cabrnock, Alejandro Cercas, Ole Christensen, Derek Roland Clark, Luigi Cocilovo, Proinsias De Rossa, Harald Ettl, Richard Falbr, Carlo Fatuzzo, Joel Hasse Ferreira, Roger Helmer, Stephen Hughes, Karin Jöns, Sepp Kusstatscher, Thomas Mann, Mario Mantovani, Ana Mato Adrover, Ria Oomen-Ruijten, Anne Van Lancker
Substitutes present for the final vote	Mihael Brejc, Udo Bullmann, Gintaras Didžiokas, Marian Harkin, Leopold Józef Rutowicz, Elisabeth Schroedter, Marc Tarabella, Georgios Toussas
Substitutes under Rule 178(2) present for the final vote	Vittorio Agnoletto, Bairbre de Brún, Eva Lichtenberger, Erik Meijer