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RECOMMENDATION FOR SECOND READING

on the Council position at first reading with a view to the adoption of a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the sound level of motor vehicles and of replacement silencing systems, and amending Directive 2007/46/EC and repealing Directive 70/157/EEC (17695/1/2013 – C7-0060/2014 – 2011/0409(COD))

Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety

Rapporteur: Miroslav Ouzký

Symbols for procedures

- * Consultation procedure
- *** Consent procedure
- ***I Ordinary legislative procedure (first reading)
- ***II Ordinary legislative procedure (second reading)
- ***III Ordinary legislative procedure (third reading)

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

Amendments to a draft act

Amendments by Parliament set out in two columns

Deletions are indicated in ***bold italics*** in the left-hand column. Replacements are indicated in ***bold italics*** in both columns. New text is indicated in ***bold italics*** in the right-hand column.

The first and second lines of the header of each amendment identify the relevant part of the draft act under consideration. If an amendment pertains to an existing act that the draft act is seeking to amend, the amendment heading includes a third line identifying the existing act and a fourth line identifying the provision in that act that Parliament wishes to amend.

Amendments by Parliament in the form of a consolidated text

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DRAFT EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION

**on the Council position at first reading with a view to the adoption of a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the sound level of motor vehicles and of replacement silencing systems, and amending Directive 2007/46/EC and repealing Directive 70/157/EEC
(17695/1/2013 – C7-0060/2014 – 2011/0409(COD))**

(Ordinary legislative procedure: second reading)

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the Council position at first reading (17695/1/2013 – C7-0060/2014),
 - having regard to the opinion of the European Economic and Social Committee of 25 April 2012¹,
 - having regard to its position at first reading² on the Commission proposal to Parliament and the Council (COM(2011)0856),
 - having regard to Article 294(7) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,
 - having regard to Rule 72 of its Rules of Procedure,
 - having regard to the recommendation for second reading of the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety (A7-0239/2014),
1. Approves the Council position at first reading;
 2. Notes that the act is adopted in accordance with the Council position;
 3. Instructs its President to sign the act with the President of the Council, in accordance with Article 297(1) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union
 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 arrange for its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union*;
 5. Instructs its President to forward its position to the Council, the Commission and the national parliaments.

¹ OJ C 191, 29.6.2012, p. 76.

² Texts adopted of 6.2.2013, P7_TA(2013)0041.

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

The Commission proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and Council on the sound level of motor vehicles was adopted on 9 December 2011. The proposal has as its aim the protection of public health and the environment through measures to reduce the sound level of motor vehicles.

On 6 February 2013, the European Parliament adopted its first reading position on the proposal. On 18 September 2013, the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety (ENVI) Committee, gave to your Rapporteur a mandate to enter early second reading negotiations with the Council. Following a series of trilogues, an early second reading agreement was reached in November 2013, which was approved by the Committee on 27 November 2013 with 45 votes in favour, 11 against and 1 abstention.

The Council has subsequently adopted the agreed text as its Council position at first reading. In the circumstances your Rapporteur therefore recommends to the Committee to adopt the Council position without amendment.

The main elements of the agreed text are as follows:

Noise limit values for vehicles - Annex III

The Parliament and Council agreed a set of limit values applicable to vehicle categories M¹ to M³ (vehicles used for the carriage of passengers) and N¹ to N³ (vehicles used for the carriage of goods) over three phases, with the first phase applicable from 1 January 2017. This will for example result over time in a reduction to a 68dB limit value for passenger cars.

Labelling and consumer information

The Parliament and Council have agreed that the Commission shall undertake an impact assessment on the labelling conditions applicable to air and noise pollution levels and on consumer information and that manufacturers shall endeavour to provide information on noise levels of vehicles at the point of sale and in technical promotional material.

Acoustic Vehicle Alerting System (AVAS)

The Parliament also considers that it is important to provide protection to blind and other vulnerable people through the installation of appropriate vehicle alerting systems in electric vehicles. The Parliament and Council have agreed that such systems should be mandatory; it has been agreed that this will apply to new vehicle types within three years following the date of application of the Regulation and within five years for all electric and hybrid electric vehicles.

Road surface issues

The Parliament also attaches importance to road surface issues and their contribution to reducing the noise level of vehicles. The Parliament and Council have agreed that the Commission should develop informative, best-practice guidelines on technological road quality development and road classification on the basis of information provided by the

Member States, and so wording to this effect has been inserted into the recital of the proposal.

ROLL CALL FOR FINAL VOTE

Members in favour	Davies Chris, Duff Andrew, Gerbrandy Gerben-Jan, Lepage Corinne, Newton Dunn Bill, Panayotov Vladko Todorov, Reimers Britta, Bokros Lajos, Cabrnach Milan, Callanan Martin, Girling Julie, Ouzký Miroslav, Rosbach Anna, Bonanini Franco, Childers Nessa, Antonescu Elena Oana, Ayuso Pilar, Bartolozzi Paolo, Berlatto Sergio, Delvaux Anne, Franco Gaston , Gardini Elisabetta, Grossetête Françoise, Gutiérrez-Cortines Cristina, Hibner Jolanta Emilia, Kastler Martin, Liese Peter, Mazej Kukovic Zofija, Mikolášik Miroslav, Morkunaite-Mikuliene Radvile, Peterle Alojz, Šadurskis Karlis, Seeber Richard, Sommer Renate, Šuica Dubravka, Urutchev Vladimir, Arsenis Kriton, Danellis Spyros, Estrela Edite, Groote Matthias, Larsen-Jensen Claus, Lyubcheva Marusya, McAvan Linda, Perelló Rodríguez Andrés, Poc Pavel, Van Brempt Kathleen, Westlund Åsa, Willmott Glenis
Members against	Anderson Martina, Sousa Alda, Wils Sabine, Kadenbach Karin, Merkies Judith , Roth-Behrendt Dagmar, Béliér Sandrine, Cochet Yves, Evans Jill, Hassi Satu, Schlyter Carl, Staes Bart
Members abstained	

PROCEDURE

Title	Sound level of motor vehicles
References	17695/1/2013 – C7-0060/2014 – 2011/0409(COD)
Date of Parliament's first reading – P number	6.2.2013 T7-0041/2013
Commission proposal	COM(2011)0856 - C7-0487/2011
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Committee responsible Date announced in plenary	ENVI 27.2.2014
Rapporteur(s) Date appointed	Miroslav Ouzký 9.1.2012
Discussed in committee	20.2.2014
Date adopted	19.3.2014
Result of final vote	+: 48 -: 12 0: 0
Members present for the final vote	Martina Anderson, Elena Oana Antonescu, Pilar Ayuso, Paolo Bartolozzi, Sandrine Bélier, Sergio Berlato, Lajos Bokros, Franco Bonanini, Milan Cabrnoch, Martin Callanan, Nessa Childers, Yves Cochet, Spyros Danellis, Chris Davies, Anne Delvaux, Edite Estrela, Jill Evans, Elisabetta Gardini, Gerben-Jan Gerbrandy, Matthias Groote, Françoise Grossetête, Cristina Gutiérrez-Cortines, Satu Hassi, Jolanta Emilia Hibner, Karin Kadenbach, Martin Kastler, Claus Larsen-Jensen, Corinne Lepage, Peter Liese, Zofija Mazej Kukovič, Linda McAvan, Radvilė Morkūnaitė-Mikulėnienė, Miroslav Ouzký, Vladko Todorov Panayotov, Andrés Perelló Rodríguez, Pavel Poc, Anna Rosbach, Dagmar Roth-Behrendt, Kārlis Šadurskis, Carl Schlyter, Richard Seeber, Dubravka Šuica, Åsa Westlund, Glenis Willmott, Sabine Wils
Substitute(s) present for the final vote	Kriton Arsenis, Gaston Franco, Julie Girling, Marusya Lyubcheva, Judith A. Merkies, Miroslav Mikolášik, Alojz Peterle, Britta Reimers, Renate Sommer, Alda Sousa, Bart Staes, Vladimir Urutchev, Kathleen Van Brempt
Substitute(s) under Rule 187(2) present for the final vote	Andrew Duff, Bill Newton Dunn
Date tabled	24.3.2014