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(Acts whose publication is obligatory)

REGULATION (EC) No 1882/2003 OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL

of 29 September 2003

adapting to Council Decision 1999/468/EC the provisions relating to committees which assist the Commission in the exercise of its implementing powers laid down in instruments subject to the procedure referred to in Article 251 of the EC Treaty

THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community, and in particular Articles 40, 47, 55, 71, 80, 95, 137, 150, 152, 153, 155, 156, 175(1), 179, 285 and 300(3) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission [1],

Having regard to the opinion of the European Economic and Social Committee [2],

After consulting the Committee of the Regions,

Acting in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 251 of the Treaty [3],

Whereas:

(1) Council Decision 1999/468/EC of 28 June 1999 laying down the procedures for the exercise of implementing powers conferred on the Commission [4] replaced Decision 87/373/EEC [5].

(2) In accordance with the statement of the Council and of the Commission [6] on Decision 1999/468/EC, the provisions relating to committees which assist the Commission in the exercise of its implementing powers, provided for in application of Decision 87/373/EEC, should be adapted in order to bring them into line with the provisions of Articles 3, 4 and 5 of Decision 1999/468/EC.

(3) The aforesaid statement indicates the methods for adapting the committee procedures, a process which is automatic provided that this does not affect the nature of the committee provided for in the basic act.

(4) The time limits set in the provisions to be adapted should remain in force. Wherever there is no specific time limit laid down for adopting the implementing measures, the time limit should be set at three months.

(5) The provisions of the instruments providing for recourse to the type I committee procedure established by Decision 87/373/EEC should therefore be replaced by provisions referring to the advisory procedure laid down in Article 3 of Decision 1999/468/EC.

(6) The provisions of the instruments providing for recourse to type IIa and IIb committee procedures established by Decision 87/373/EEC should be replaced by provisions referring to the management procedure provided for in Article 4 of Decision 1999/468/EC.

(7) The provisions of the instruments providing for recourse to type IIIa and IIIb committee procedures established by Decision 87/373/EEC should be replaced by provisions referring to the regulatory procedure provided for in Article 5 of Decision 1999/468/EC.

(8) This Regulation concerns solely the alignment of committee procedures. The names of the committees connected with such procedures have, where appropriate, been amended,

HAVE ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The instruments listed in Annex I and subject to the advisory procedure shall be adapted, in accordance with that Annex, to the corresponding provisions of Decision 1999/468/EC.

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[1] OJ C 75 E, 26.3.2002, p. 385.

[2] OJ C 241, 7.10.2002, p. 128.

[3] Opinion of the European Parliament of 2 September 2003 and Council Decision of 14 April 2003 (OJ C 153 E, 1.7.2003, p. 1).

[4] OJ L 184, 17.7.1999, p. 23.

[5] OJ L 197, 18.7.1987, p. 33.

[6] OJ C 203, 17.7.1999, p. 1.

Article 2

The instruments listed in Annex II and subject to the management procedure shall be adapted, in accordance with that Annex, to the corresponding provisions of Decision 1999/468/EC.

Article 3

The instruments listed in Annex III and subject to the regulatory procedure shall be adapted, in accordance with that Annex, to the corresponding provisions of Decision 1999/468/EC.

Article 4

References to provisions of the instruments in Annexes I, II and III are understood to be references to those provisions as adapted by this Regulation.

References in this Regulation to the former names of committees are understood to be references to the new names.

Article 5

This Regulation shall enter into force on the twentieth day following that of its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

This Regulation shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in all Member States.

Done at Brussels, 29 September 2003.

For the European Parliament	*For the Council*
The President	*The President*
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ANNEX I

ADVISORY PROCEDURE

List of instruments subject to the advisory procedure and adapted to the corresponding provisions of Decision 1999/468/EC in accordance with the amendments below:

1) Council Directive 89/686/EEC of 21 December 1989 on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to personal protective equipment ([1]).

Article 6(2) is replaced by the following:

'2. The Commission shall be assisted by the Standing Committee, set up by Article 6(2) of Directive 98/37/EC (*), hereinafter referred to as "the Committee".

It may be apprised, in accordance with the procedure referred to in this paragraph, of any matter to which the implementation and practical application of this Directive give rise.

Where reference is made to this paragraph, Articles 3 and 7 of Decision 1999/468/EC (**) shall apply, having regard to the provisions of Article 8 thereof.

The Committee shall adopt its rules of procedure.

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(*) OJ L 207, 23.7.1998, p. 1. Directive as amended by Directive 98/79/EC (OJ L 331, 7.12.1998, p. 1).

(**) Council Decision 1999/468/EC of 28 June 1999 laying down the procedures for the exercise of implementing powers conferred on the Commission (OJ L 184, 17.7.1999, p. 23).'

2) Council Directive 90/385/EEC of 20 June 1990 on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to active implantable medical devices ([2]).

Article 6(2) is replaced by the following:

'2. The Commission shall be assisted by a standing committee (hereinafter referred to as "the Committee").

The Committee may be apprised, in accordance with the procedure referred to in this paragraph, of any matter to which the implementation and practical application of this Directive give rise.

Where reference is made to this paragraph, Articles 3 and 7 of Decision 1999/468/EC (*) shall apply, having regard to the provisions of Article 8 thereof.

The Committee shall adopt its rules of procedure.

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(*) Council Decision 1999/468/EC of 28 June 1999 laying down the procedures for the exercise of implementing powers conferred on the Commission (OJ L 184, 17.7.1999, p. 23).'

3) Council Directive 90/377/EEC of 29 June 1990 concerning a Community procedure to improve the transparency of gas and electricity prices charged to industrial end-users ([3]).

Article 7 is replaced by the following:

'Article 7

1. For the adoption of the amendments referred to in Article 6, the Commission shall be assisted by a committee.

2. Where reference is made to this Article, Articles 3 and 7 of Decision 1999/468/EC (*) shall apply, having regard to the provisions of Article 8 thereof.

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([1]) OJ L 399, 30.12.1989, p. 18. Directive as last amended by European Parliament and Council Directive 96/58/EC (OJ L 236, 18.9.1996, p. 44).

([2]) OJ L 189, 20.7.1990, p. 17. Directive as last amended by Directive 93/68/EEC (OJ L 220, 30.8.1993, p. 1).

([3]) OJ L 185, 17.7.1990, p. 16. Directive as last amended by the 1994 Act of Accession.

3. The Committee shall adopt its rules of procedure.

(*) Council Decision 1999/468/EC of 28 June 1999 laying down the procedures for the exercise of implementing powers conferred on the Commission (OJ L 184, 17.7.1999, p. 23).'

4) Council Regulation (EEC) No 3880/91 of 17 December 1991 on the submission of nominal catch statistics by Member States fishing in the north-east Atlantic [1].

Article 5 is replaced by the following:

'*Article 5*

1. The Commission shall be assisted by the Standing Committee on Agricultural Statistics, hereinafter referred to as "the Committee".

2. Where reference is made to this Article, Articles 3 and 7 of Decision 1999/468/EC (*) shall apply, having regard to the provisions of Article 8 thereof.

3. The Committee shall adopt its rules of procedure.

(*) Council Decision 1999/468/EC of 28 June 1999 laying down the procedures for the exercise of implementing powers conferred on the Commission (OJ L 184, 17.7.1999, p. 23).'

5) Council Regulation (EEC) No 2408/92 of 23 July 1992 on access for Community air carriers to intra-Community air routes [2].

Article 11 is replaced by the following:

'*Article 11*

1. The Commission shall be assisted by a committee.

2. The Committee shall advise the Commission on the application of Articles 9 and 10.

3. The Committee may furthermore be consulted by the Commission on any other matter concerning the application of this Regulation.

4. Where reference is made to this Article, Articles 3 and 7 of Decision 1999/468/EC (*) shall apply, having regard to the provisions of Article 8 thereof.

5. The Committee shall adopt its rules of procedure.

(*) Council Decision 1999/468/EC of 28 June 1999 laying down the procedures for the exercise of implementing powers conferred on the Commission (OJ L 184, 17.7.1999, p. 23).'

6) Council Directive 93/42/EEC of 14 June 1993 on medical devices [3].

Article 6 is replaced by the following:

'*Article 6*

Committee on Standards and Technical Regulations

1. The Commission shall be assisted by the Committee set up by Article 5 of Directive 83/189/EEC, hereinafter referred to as "the Committee".

2. Where reference is made to this Article, Articles 3 and 7 of Decision 1999/468/EC (*) shall apply, having regard to the provisions of Article 8 thereof.

[1] OJ L 365, 31.12.1991, p. 1. Directive as amended by Commission Regulation (EC) No 1637/2001 (OJ L 222, 17.8.2001, p. 20).

[2] OJ L 240, 24.8.1992, p. 8. Regulation as last amended by the 1994 Act of Accession.

[3] OJ L 169, 12.7.1993, p. 1. Directive as last amended by European Parliament and Council Directive 2001/104/EC (OJ L 6, 10.1.2002, p. 50).

3. The Committee shall adopt its rules of procedure.

(*) Council Decision 1999/468/EC of 28 June 1999 laying down the procedures for the exercise of implementing powers conferred on the Commission (OJ L 184, 17.7.1999, p. 23).'

7) Council Decision 93/704/EC of 30 November 1993 on the creation of a Community database on road accidents [1].

Article 5 is replaced by the following:

'*Article 5*

1. The Commission shall be assisted by the Statistical Programme Committee, set up by Council Decision 89/382/EEC, Euratom, hereinafter referred to as "the Committee".

2. Where reference is made to this Article, Articles 3 and 7 of Decision 1999/468/EC (*) shall apply, having regard to the provisions of Article 8 thereof.

3. The Committee shall adopt its rules of procedure.

(*) Council Decision 1999/468/EC of 28 June 1999 laying down the procedures for the exercise of implementing powers conferred on the Commission (OJ L 184, 17.7.1999, p. 23).'

8) Directive 94/9/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 March 1994 on the approximation of the laws of the Member States concerning equipment and protective systems intended for use in potentially explosive atmospheres [2].

Article 6(3) is replaced by the following:

'3. The Commission shall be assisted by a standing committee (hereinafter referred to as "the Committee").

Where reference is made to this paragraph, Articles 3 and 7 of Decision 1999/468/EC (*) shall apply, having regard to the provisions of Article 8 thereof.

The Committee shall adopt its rules of procedure.

(*) Council Decision 1999/468/EC of 28 June 1999 laying down the procedures for the exercise of implementing powers conferred on the Commission (OJ L 184, 17.7.1999, p. 23).'

9) Directive 94/25/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 June 1994 on the approximation of the laws, regulations and administrative provisions of the Member States relating to recreational craft [3].

Article 6(3) is replaced by the following:

'3. The Commission shall be assisted by a standing committee (hereinafter referred to as "the Committee").

Where reference is made to this paragraph, Articles 3 and 7 of Decision 1999/468/EC (*) shall apply, having regard to the provisions of Article 8 thereof.

The Committee shall adopt its rules of procedure.

(*) Council Decision 1999/468/EC of 28 June 1999 laying down the procedures for the exercise of implementing powers conferred on the Commission (OJ L 184, 17.7.1999, p. 23).'

[1] OJ L 329, 30.12.1993, p. 63.

[2] OJ L 100, 19.4.1994, p. 1.

[3] OJ L 164, 30.6.1994, p. 15.