COUNCIL DIRECTIVE

of 27 November 1989

amending Directive 80/181/EEC on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to units of measurement

(89/617/EEC)

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community, and in particular Article 100a thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission (1),

In cooperation with the European Parliament (2),

Having regard to the opinion of the Economic and Social Committee (3),

Whereas Directive 80/181/EEC (4), as amended by Directive 85/1/EEC (5), provides for a definitive date to be fixed for the use of the legal imperial units of measurement listed in Chapter III of the Annex thereto ; whereas, for some imperial units and for specific uses, it has appeared necessary to allow the Member States concerned to fix the appropriate date until which those units are legal units of measurement ;

Whereas Article 3 (5) of Directive 80/181/EEC allows new final dates to be set for the use of supplementary indications,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DIRECTIVE :

Article 1

Directive 80/181/EEC is hereby amended as follows :

1. In Article 1, points (b) and (c) shall be replaced by the following :

'(b) those listed in Chapter II of the Annex only in those Member States where they were authorized on 21 April 1973 and until a date to be fixed by those States ;

(c) those listed in Chapter III of the Annex only in those Member States where they were authorized on 21 April 1973 and until a date to be fixed by those States. This date may not be later than 31 December 1994 ;

(d) those listed in Chapter IV of the Annex only in those Member States where they were authorized on 21 April 1973 and until a date to be fixed by those States. This date may not be later than 31 December 1999.'

2. In Article 3 :

— in paragraph 2, '31 December 1989' shall be replaced by '31 December 1999' ;

— paragraph 5 shall be deleted.

3. In Article 5, '1 March 1974' shall be replaced by '15 May 1983'.

4. In Article 6 the second subparagraph shall be deleted.

5. The Annex shall be amended as follows :

(1) OJ No C 31, 7. 2. 1989, p. 7.
(2) OJ No C 120, 16. 5. 1989, p. 73 ; OJ No C 291, 20. 11. 1989.
(3) OJ No C 159, 26. 6. 1989, p. 3.
(4) OJ No L 39, 15. 2. 1980, p. 40.
(5) OJ No L 2, 3. 1. 1985, p. 11.