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## Waste electrical and electronic equipment \*\*\*I

**European Parliament legislative resolution on the proposal for a European Parliament and Council directive amending Directive 2002/96/EC on waste electrical and electronic equipment (COM(2003) 219 — C5-0191/2003 — 2003/0084(COD))**

**(Codecision procedure: first reading)**

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to the Commission proposal to the European Parliament and the Council (COM(2003) 219 <sup>(1)</sup>),
  - having regard to Article 251(2) and Article 175(1) of the EC Treaty, pursuant to which the Commission submitted the proposal to Parliament (C5-0191/2003),
  - having regard to Rule 67 of its Rules of Procedure,
  - having regard to the report of the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Consumer Policy (A5-0324/2003),
1. Approves the Commission proposal;
  2. Calls on the Commission to refer the matter to Parliament again if it intends to amend its proposal substantially or replace it with another text;
  3. Instructs its President to forward its position to the Council and Commission.

<sup>(1)</sup> Not yet published in the Official Journal.

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## Excise duty on tobacco products in Corsica \*

**European Parliament legislative resolution on the proposal for a Council directive amending Directives 92/79/EEC and 92/80/EEC, authorising France to prolong the application of lower rates of excise duty to tobacco products released for consumption in Corsica (COM(2003) 186 — C5-0197/2003 — 2003/0075(CNS))**

**(Consultation procedure)**

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to the Commission proposal to the Council (COM(2003) 186 <sup>(1)</sup>),
- having regard to Article 93 of the EC Treaty, pursuant to which the Council consulted Parliament (C5-0197/2003),
- having regard to Rule 67 of its Rules of Procedure,
- having regard to the report of the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs (A5-0322/2003),

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1. Approves the Commission proposal as amended;
2. Calls on the Commission to alter its proposal accordingly, pursuant to Article 250(2) of the EC Treaty;
3. Calls on the Council to notify Parliament if it intends to depart from the text approved by Parliament;
4. Asks the Council to consult Parliament again if it intends to amend the Commission proposal substantially;
5. Instructs its President to forward its position to the Council and the Commission.

TEXT PROPOSED BY  
THE COMMISSION

AMENDMENTS BY  
PARLIAMENT

Amendment 1

RECITAL 6

By the end of this derogation period the tax rules for manufactured tobaccos released for consumption in Corsica must have been brought fully into line with the rules for mainland France. Nevertheless, too abrupt a change should be avoided and **there should therefore be an intermediate increase in the excise duty currently levied on cigarettes in Corsica.**

By the end of this derogation period the tax rules for manufactured tobaccos released for consumption in Corsica must have been brought fully into line with the rules for mainland France. Nevertheless, too abrupt a change should be avoided and the excise duty currently levied on cigarettes in Corsica **should thus be gradually and proportionally increased each year during the transition period.**

Amendment 2

ARTICLE 1

Article 3, paragraph 4 (Directive 92/79/EEC)

4. By derogation from Article 2, from 1 January 2003 to 31 December 2009 France may continue to apply a reduced rate of excise duty to cigarettes released for consumption in Corsica. This rate shall apply solely to an annual quota of 1 200 tonnes.

From 1 January 2003 to **31 December 2007** the reduced rate must equal at least 35 % of the price for cigarettes in the price category most in demand in Corsica.

4. By derogation from Article 2, from 1 January 2003 to 31 December 2009 France may continue to apply a reduced rate of excise duty to cigarettes released for consumption in Corsica. This rate shall apply solely to an annual quota of 1 200 tonnes.

From 1 January 2003 to **31 December 2003** the reduced rate must equal at least 35 % of the price for cigarettes in the price category most in demand in Corsica.

**From 1 January 2004 to 31 December 2004 the reduced rate must equal at least 38 % of the price for cigarettes in the price category most in demand in Corsica.**

**From 1 January 2005 to 31 December 2005 the reduced rate must equal at least 41 % of the price for cigarettes in the price category most in demand in Corsica.**

**From 1 January 2006 to 31 December 2006 the reduced rate must equal at least 44 % of the price for cigarettes in the price category most in demand in Corsica.**

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THE COMMISSION

AMENDMENTS BY  
PARLIAMENT

From **1 January 2008** to 31 December 2009 the reduced rate must equal at least **44 %** of the price for cigarettes in the price category most in demand in Corsica.

*From 1 January 2007 to 31 December 2007 the reduced rate must equal at least 47 % of the price for cigarettes in the price category most in demand in Corsica.*

*From 1 January 2008 to 31 December 2008 the reduced rate must equal at least 50 % of the price for cigarettes in the price category most in demand in Corsica.*

From **1 January 2009** to 31 December 2009 the reduced rate must equal at least **53 %** of the price for cigarettes in the price category most in demand in Corsica.

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## Forest focus \*\*\*II

**European Parliament legislative resolution on the Council common position with a view to the adoption of a European Parliament and Council Regulation concerning monitoring of forests and environmental interactions in the Community (Forest Focus) (8243/1/2003 — C5-0292/2003 — 2002/0164(COD))**

**(Codecision procedure: second reading)**

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the Council common position (8243/1/2003 — C5-0292/2003<sup>(1)</sup>),
- having regard to its position at first reading<sup>(2)</sup> on the Commission proposal to Parliament and the Council (COM(2002) 404<sup>(3)</sup>),
- having regard to Article 251(2) of the EC Treaty,
- having regard to Rule 80 of its Rules of Procedure,
- having regard to the recommendation for second reading of the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Consumer Policy (A5-0343/2003),

1. Amends the common position as follows;
2. Instructs its President to forward its position to the Council and the Commission.

<sup>(1)</sup> OJ C 233 E, 30.9.2003, p. 1.

<sup>(2)</sup> *Texts Adopted*, 13.2.2003, P5\_TA(2003)0059.

<sup>(3)</sup> OJ C 20 E of 28.1.2003, p. 67.