

**Opinion of the European Economic and Social Committee on the 'Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on the suppression of radio interference produced by agricultural or forestry tractors (electromagnetic compatibility)' (Codified version)**

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On 5 September 2007 the Council decided to consult the European Economic and Social Committee, under Article 95 of the Treaty establishing the European Community, on the abovementioned proposal.

Since the Committee unreservedly endorses the proposal and feels that it requires no comment on its part, it decided, at its 439th plenary session of 24 and 25 October 2007 (meeting of 24 October), by 153 votes to 1 with 8 abstentions, to issue an opinion endorsing the proposed text.

Brussels, 24 October 2007.

The President  
of the European Economic and Social Committee  
Dimitris DIMITRIADIS

**Opinion of the European Economic and Social Committee on the 'Communication from the Commission to the Council and the European Parliament Biofuels Progress Report Report on the progress made in the use of biofuels and other renewable fuels in the Member States of the European Union'**

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On 10 January 2007 the Commission decided to consult the European Economic and Social Committee, under Article 262 of the Treaty establishing the European Community, on the abovementioned proposal.

The Section for Transport, Energy, Infrastructure and the Information Society, which was responsible for preparing the Committee's work on the subject, adopted its opinion on 5 September 2007. The rapporteur was Mr Iozia.

At its 439th plenary session, held on 24 and 25 October 2007 (meeting of 24 October), the European Economic and Social Committee adopted the following opinion by 142 votes to 13 with eight abstentions.

**1. Conclusions and recommendations**

1.1 The Committee takes issues relating to energy efficiency, climate change and reducing greenhouse gas emissions very seriously, and in general agrees with the conclusions of the Spring European Council of 8 and 9 March, drawing attention to the three pillars of the Energy Policy for Europe:

— increasing security of supply;

— ensuring the competitiveness of European economies and the availability of affordable energy;

— promoting environmental sustainability and combating climate change.

1.2 In its Biofuels Progress Report, the Commission points out that without mandatory objectives, it will be impossible to achieve a satisfactory level of biofuels use. It argues that the target of a 5,75 % market share by 2010 is not realistic and that