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- having regard to Rules 80a and 51 of its Rules of Procedure,
 - having regard to the report of the Committee on Legal Affairs and the opinion of the Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development (A6-0216/2008),
- A. whereas, according to the Consultative Working Party of the Legal Services of the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission, the proposal in question does not include any substantive amendments other than those identified as such in the proposal and whereas, as regards the codification of the unchanged provisions of the earlier acts together with those amendments, the proposal contains a straightforward codification of the existing texts without any change in their substance,
1. Approves the Commission proposal as adapted to the recommendations of the Consultative Working Party of the Legal Services of the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission and as amended hereunder;
 2. Calls on the Commission to refer the matter to Parliament again if it intends to amend the proposal substantially or replace it with another text;
 3. Instructs its President to forward its position to the Council and the Commission.

P6_TC1-COD(2007)0287

Position of the European Parliament adopted at first reading on 19 February 2009 with a view to the adoption of Regulation (EC) No .../2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning the general rules on the definition, description and presentation of aromatised wines, aromatised wine-based drinks and aromatised wine-product cocktails (recast)

(As an agreement was reached between Parliament and Council, Parliament's position at first reading corresponds to the final legislative act, Regulation (EC) No)

Reduced rates of value added tax *

P6_TA(2009)0072

European Parliament legislative resolution of 19 February 2009 on the proposal for a Council directive amending Directive 2006/112/EC as regards reduced rates of value added tax (COM(2008)0428 – C6-0299/2008 – 2008/0143(CNS))

(2010/C 76 E/24)

(Consultation procedure)

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the Commission proposal to the Council (COM(2008)0428),
- having regard to Article 93 of the EC Treaty, pursuant to which the Council consulted Parliament (C6-0299/2008),
- having regard to Rule 51 of its Rules of Procedure,
- having regard to the report of the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs and the opinion of the Committee on the Internal Market and Consumer Protection (A6-0047/2009),

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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

AMENDMENT

Amendment 6**Proposal for a directive – amending act****Recital 4**

(4) In that Communication, it was concluded that different VAT rates applied to locally supplied services pose no **real detriment** to the smooth functioning of the internal market. It is therefore appropriate to allow all Member States the possibility to apply reduced VAT rates to services such as labour-intensive services covered by the temporary provisions applicable until the end of 2010, services related to the housing sector and to **the** personal care and restaurant services. **These changes will make it possible for** Member States **to apply** reduced VAT rates **to renovation and repair work aiming at increased energy-saving and efficiency.**

(4) In that Communication, it was concluded that different VAT rates applied to locally supplied services pose no **major risk** to the smooth functioning of the internal market **and could have positive effects in terms of job creation and the fight against the underground economy.** It is therefore appropriate to allow all Member States the possibility to apply reduced VAT rates to services such as labour-intensive services covered by the temporary provisions applicable until the end of 2010, **to** services related to the housing sector and to personal care and restaurant services. **Reduced VAT rates in these areas would have a positive impact in reshaping many service sectors as they would reduce the level of undeclared work.** Member States **should provide clear and accessible guidance to undertakings on the scope of** reduced VAT rates.

Amendment 7**Proposal for a directive – amending act****Recital 4 a (new)**

(4a) With regard to the housing sector, this Directive also makes it possible for Member States to apply reduced VAT rates to renovation and repair work aimed at increased energy savings and efficiency.

Amendment 2**Proposal for a directive – amending act****Annex - point 5 a (new)**

Directive 2006/112/EC

Annex III - point 11

(5a) Point (11) is replaced by the following:

‘(11) supplies of goods and services of a kind normally intended for use in agricultural production, including machinery, with the exception of capital goods, such as buildings.’

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TEXT PROPOSED BY THE COMMISSION

AMENDMENT

Amendment 5**Proposal for a directive – amending act****Annex – point 7**

Directive 2006/112/EC

Annex III – point 16

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| (16) supply of funeral undertaking services or cremation services, and the supply of goods related thereto; | (16) supply of funeral undertaking services or cremation services, and the supply of goods related thereto, such as monuments and gravestones and the care thereof; |
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Amendment 4**Proposal for a directive – amending act****Annex - point 7 a (new)**

Directive 2006/112/EC

Annex III - point 18 a (new)

(7a) The following point is added:**'(18a) children's clothing, children's footwear;'****Organisation and operation of the Publications Office of the European Union**

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European Parliament decision of 19 February 2009 on the draft Decision of the European Parliament, the Council, the Commission, the Court of Justice, the Court of Auditors, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions on the organisation and operation of the Publications Office of the European Union (2008/2164(ACI))

(2010/C 76 E/25)

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the letter from its President of 1 October 2008,
- having regard to the draft Decision of the European Parliament, the Council, the Commission, the Court of Justice, the Court of Auditors, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions on the organisation and operation of the Publications Office of the European Union (SEC(2008)2109 - C6-0256/2008),
- having regard to Article 254(1) and (2) of the EC Treaty,
- having regard to Declaration No 3 on Article 10 of the Treaty establishing the European Community annexed to the Final Act of the Intergovernmental Conference which adopted the Treaty of Nice,
- having regard to the letter from the Council of 26 January 2009 informing the other Institutions and bodies responsible for establishing the Publications Office of certain modifications to the draft decision approved by the Management Committee of the Publications Office on 9 January 2001 and adopted by the Council on 19 January 2009 ⁽¹⁾,
- having regard to Rule 120(1) of its Rules of Procedure,
- having regard to the report of the Committee on Constitutional Affairs and the opinion of the Committee on Legal Affairs (A6-0426/2008),

⁽¹⁾ Document 14485/1/08 REV 1 and REV 2.