DIRECTIVES

DIRECTIVE 2007/30/EC OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL
of 20 June 2007

the reports on practical implementation

(Text with EEA relevance)

THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND THE COUNCIL OF THE
EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community, and in particular Article 137(2) thereof,

Having regard to the Commission's proposal,

Having regard to the opinion of the European Economic and Social Committee (1),

After consulting the Committee of the Regions,

Acting in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 251 of the Treaty (2),

Whereas:


3. The provisions on the preparation of reports in the individual Directives within the meaning of Article 16(1) of Directive 89/391/EEC and in Directives 91/383/EEC, 92/29/EEC and 94/33/EC are inconsistent in terms of both frequency and content.

4. The obligations on the Member States to report on the practical implementation and on the Commission to draw up a report on the basis of the national reports are an important part of the legislative cycle, providing the opportunity to take stock of and evaluate the various aspects of the practical implementation of the Directives; it is therefore appropriate to extend this obligation to those directives that do not require reports, namely: Directive 2000/54/EC of the Parliament and of the European Council of 18 September 2000 on the protection of workers from risks related to exposure to biological agents at work\(^{(8)}\), Directive 2002/32/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 29 April 2002 on the protection of workers from the risks related to exposure to carcinogens or mutagens at work\(^{(9)}\), Directive 89/391/EEC\(^{(10)}\).

5. It is therefore necessary to harmonise the provisions of Directive 89/391/EEC, the individual Directives within the meaning of Article 16(1) thereof and Directives 83/477/EEC, 91/383/EEC, 92/29/EEC and 94/33/EC.

6. The Commission's communication ‘Adapting to change in work and society: a new Community strategy for health and safety 2002 to 2006’ provides for the drafting of legislative proposals to simplify and rationalise implementation reports. This matter has also been identified as one of the priorities for the simplification of Community legislation in the context of the Better Lawmaking initiative.

7. The exercise should be simplified by harmonising the intervals for the submission of the practical implementation reports to the Commission and by requiring a single practical implementation report which would include a general part applicable to all the directives and specific chapters relating to the aspects particular to each directive. These provisions, and, in particular, the introduction of a new Article 17a in Directive 89/391/EEC, will furthermore allow the inclusion in this implementation report exercise of the individual Directives within the meaning of Article 16(1) of Directive 89/391/EEC that do not require reports, namely: Directives 2000/54/EC and 2004/37/EC and any future individual directives within the meaning of Article 16(1) of Directive 89/391/EEC.

8. The appropriate frequency for the Member States to draw up these reports and submit them to the Commission should be five years; the first report should, exceptionally, cover a longer period; the structure of the reports should be consistent to facilitate their exploitation; they should be drawn up on the basis of a questionnaire drafted by the Commission after consulting the Advisory Committee on Safety and Health at Work and include relevant information on the preventive efforts deployed in the Member States so as to allow the Commission, taking into account any relevant findings of the European Agency for Safety and Health at Work and of the European Foundation for the Improvement of Living and Working Conditions, to adequately assess how the legislation works in practice.

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\(^{(2)}\) OJ L 42, 15.2.2003, p. 38.
\(^{(4)}\) OJ L 114, 27.4.2006, p. 38.
In accordance with Article 138(2) of the Treaty, the Commission consulted the social partners at Community level on the possible direction of Community action in this field.

Following this consultation, the Commission considered that Community action was desirable and consulted the social partners again on the content of the envisaged proposal, in accordance with Article 138(3) of the Treaty.

Following this second phase of consultation, the social partners at Community level did not inform the Commission of their wish to initiate the process which could lead to the conclusion of an agreement, as set out in Article 138(4) of the Treaty.

The Member States should take the necessary measures to transpose the modifications provided for by this Directive, which could, in view of the specific nature of this Directive and if appropriate, take the form of administrative measures,

HAVE ADOPTED THIS DIRECTIVE:

Article 1
Amendments to Directive 89/391/EEC

The following Article shall be inserted in Directive 89/391/EEC:

‘Article 17a
Implementation reports
1. Every five years, the Member States shall submit a single report to the Commission on the practical implementation of this Directive and individual Directives within the meaning of Article 16(1), indicating the points of view of the social partners. The report shall assess the various points related to the practical implementation of the different Directives and, where appropriate and available, provide data disaggregated by gender.

2. The structure of the report, together with a questionnaire specifying its content, shall be defined by the Commission, in cooperation with the Advisory Committee on Safety and Health at Work.

The report shall include a general part on the provisions of this Directive relating to the common principles and points applicable to all of the Directives referred to in paragraph 1.

To complement the general part, specific chapters shall deal with implementation of the particular aspects of each Directive, including specific indicators, where available.

3. The Commission shall submit the structure of the report, together with the above-mentioned questionnaire specifying its content, to the Member States at least six months before the end of the period covered by the report. The report shall be transmitted to the Commission within 12 months of the end of the five-year period that it covers.

4. Using these reports as a basis, the Commission shall evaluate the implementation of the Directives concerned in terms of their relevance, of research and of new scientific knowledge in the various fields in question. It shall, within 36 months of the end of the five-year period, inform the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Advisory Committee on Safety and Health at Work of the results of this evaluation and, if necessary, of any initiatives to improve the operation of the regulatory framework.

5. The first report shall cover the period 2007 to 2012.’.

Article 2

1. The following Article shall be inserted in Directive 83/477/EEC:

‘Article 17a
Implementation report
Every five years, the Member States shall submit to the Commission a report on the practical implementation of this Directive in the form of a specific chapter of the single report referred to in Article 17a(1), (2) and (3) of Directive 89/391/EEC, which serves as a basis for the Commission’s evaluation, in accordance with Article 17a(4) of that Directive.’.

2. The following Article shall be inserted in Directive 91/383/EEC:

‘Article 10a
Implementation report
Every five years, the Member States shall submit to the Commission a report on the practical implementation of this Directive in the form of a specific chapter of the single report referred to in Article 17a(1), (2) and (3) of Directive 89/391/EEC, which serves as a basis for the Commission’s evaluation, in accordance with Article 17a(4) of that Directive.’.
3. The following Article shall be inserted in Directive 92/29/EEC:

‘Article 9a

Implementation report

Every five years, the Member States shall submit to the Commission a report on the practical implementation of this Directive in the form of a specific chapter of the single report referred to in Article 17a(1), (2) and (3) of Directive 89/391/EEC, which serves as a basis for the Commission’s evaluation, in accordance with Article 17a(4) of that Directive.’.

4. The following Article shall be inserted in Directive 94/33/EC:

‘Article 17a

Implementation report

Every five years, the Member States shall submit to the Commission a report on the practical implementation of this Directive in the form of a specific chapter of the single report referred to in Article 17a(1), (2) and (3) of Directive 89/391/EEC, which serves as a basis for the Commission’s evaluation, in accordance with Article 17a(4) of that Directive.’.

Article 3

Repeal

The following provisions shall be repealed with effect from 27 June 2007:

1. Article 18(3) and (4) of Directive 89/391/EEC;
2. Article 10(3) and (4) of Directive 89/654/EEC;
3. Article 10(3) and (4) of Directive 89/655/EEC;
4. Article 10(3) and (4) of Directive 89/656/EEC;
5. Article 9(3) and (4) of Directive 90/269/EEC;
6. Article 11(3) and (4) of Directive 90/270/EEC;
7. Article 10(3) and (4) of Directive 91/383/EEC;
8. Article 9(3) and (4) of Directive 92/29/EEC;
9. Article 14(4) and (5) of Directive 92/57/EEC;
10. Article 11(4) and (5) of Directive 92/58/EEC;
11. Article 14(4), (5) and (6) of Directive 92/85/EEC;
14. Article 13(3) and (4) of Directive 93/103/EEC;
15. Article 17(4) and (5) of Directive 94/33/EEC;
16. Article 15 of Directive 98/24/EC;
17. Article 13(3) of Directive 1999/92/EC;
19. Article 16 of Directive 2003/10/EC;

Article 4

Implementation

The Member States shall adopt the measures necessary for them to comply with the provisions of this Directive by 31 December 2012.

Article 5

Entry into force

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

Article 6

Addressees

This Directive is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Strasbourg, 20 June 2007.

For the European Parliament
The President
H.-G. PÖTTERING

For the Council
The President
G. GLOSER