

**Opinion of the European Economic and Social Committee on the Amended proposal for a Council Directive on the structure and rates of excise duty applied to manufactured tobacco**

COM(2010) 641 final — 2007/0206 (CNS)

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On 23 November 2010 the European Parliament and on 8 December 2010 the Council decided to consult the European Economic and Social Committee, under Article 113 and 304 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, on the

*Amended proposal for a Council Directive on the structure and rates of excise duty applied to manufactured tobacco*

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Since the Committee endorses the content of the proposal and feels that it requires no comment on its part, it decided, at its 468th plenary session of 19 and 20 January 2011 (meeting of 19 January 2011), by 90 votes to 3 with 8 abstentions, to issue an opinion endorsing the proposed text.

Brussels, 19 January 2011.

*The President*  
*of the European Economic and Social Committee*  
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