

**DIRECTIVE 2004/108/EC OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL**  
**of 15 December 2004**  
**on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to electromagnetic compatibility**  
**and repealing Directive 89/336/EEC**  
**(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 95 thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Having regard to the opinion of the European Economic and Social Committee <sup>(1)</sup>,

Acting in accordance with the procedure referred to in Article 251 of the Treaty <sup>(2)</sup>,

Whereas:

(1) Council Directive 89/336/EEC of 3 May 1989 on the approximation of laws of the Member States relating to electromagnetic compatibility <sup>(3)</sup> has been the subject of a review under the initiative known as Simpler Legislation for the Internal Market (SLIM). Both the SLIM process and a subsequent in-depth consultation have revealed the need to complete, reinforce and clarify the framework established by Directive 89/336/EEC.

(2) Member States are responsible for ensuring that radio-communications, including radio broadcast reception and the amateur radio service operating in accordance with International Telecommunication Union (ITU) radio regulations, electrical supply networks and telecommunications networks, as well as equipment connected thereto, are protected against electromagnetic disturbance.

(3) Provisions of national law ensuring protection against electromagnetic disturbance should be harmonised in order to guarantee the free movement of electrical and electronic apparatus without lowering justified levels of protection in the Member States.

(4) Protection against electromagnetic disturbance requires obligations to be imposed on the various economic operators. Those obligations should be applied in a fair and effective way in order to achieve such protection.

(5) The electromagnetic compatibility of equipment should be regulated with a view to ensuring the functioning of the internal market, that is to say, of an area without internal frontiers in which the free movement of goods, persons, services and capital is assured.

(6) The equipment covered by this Directive should include both apparatus and fixed installations. However, separate provision should be made for each. This is so because, whereas apparatus as such may move freely within the Community, fixed installations on the other hand are installed for permanent use at a predefined location, as assemblies of various types of apparatus and, where appropriate, other devices. The composition and function of such installations correspond in most cases to the particular needs of their operators.

(7) Radio equipment and telecommunications terminal equipment should not be covered by this Directive since they are already regulated by Directive 1999/5/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 9 March 1999 on radio equipment and telecommunications terminal equipment and the mutual recognition of their conformity <sup>(4)</sup>. The electromagnetic compatibility requirements in both Directives achieve the same level of protection.

(8) Aircraft or equipment intended to be fitted into aircraft should not be covered by this Directive, since they are already subject to special Community or international rules governing electromagnetic compatibility.

(9) This Directive need not regulate equipment which is inherently benign in terms of electromagnetic compatibility.

(10) This Directive should not deal with the safety of equipment, since that is dealt with by separate Community or national legislation.

(11) Where this Directive regulates apparatus, it should refer to finished apparatus commercially available for the first time on the Community market. Certain components or sub-assemblies should, under certain conditions, be considered to be apparatus if they are made available to the end-user.

<sup>(1)</sup> OJ C 220, 16.9.2003, p. 13.

<sup>(2)</sup> Opinion of the European Parliament of 9 March 2004 (not yet published in the Official Journal) and Council Decision of 29 November 2004.

<sup>(3)</sup> OJ L 139, 23.5.1989, p. 19. Directive as last amended by Directive 93/68/EEC (OJ L 220, 30.8.1993, p. 1).

<sup>(4)</sup> OJ L 91, 7.4.1999, p. 10. Directive as amended by Regulation (EC) No 1882/2003 (OJ L 284, 31.10.2003, p. 1).

- (12) The principles on which this Directive is based are those set out in the Council Resolution of 7 May 1985 on a new approach to technical harmonization and standards<sup>(1)</sup>. In accordance with that approach, the design and manufacture of equipment is subject to essential requirements in relation to electromagnetic compatibility. Those requirements are given technical expression by harmonised European standards, to be adopted by the various European standardisation bodies, European Committee for Standardisation (CEN), European Committee for Electro-technical Standardisation (CENELEC) and European Telecommunications Standards Institute (ETSI). CEN, CENELEC and ETSI are recognised as the competent institutions in the field of this Directive for the adoption of harmonised standards, which they draw up in accordance with the general guidelines for cooperation between themselves and the Commission, and with the procedure laid down in Directive 98/34/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 22 June 1998 laying down a procedure for the provision of information in the field of technical standards and regulations and of rules on Information Society services<sup>(2)</sup>.
- (13) Harmonised standards reflect the generally acknowledged state of the art as regards electromagnetic compatibility matters in the European Union. It is thus in the interest of the functioning of the internal market to have standards for the electromagnetic compatibility of equipment which have been harmonised at Community level. Once the reference to such a standard has been published in the *Official Journal of the European Union*, compliance with it should raise a presumption of conformity with the relevant essential requirements, although other means of demonstrating such conformity should be permitted. Compliance with a harmonised standard means conformity with its provisions and demonstration thereof by the methods the harmonised standard describes or refers to.
- (14) Manufacturers of equipment intended to be connected to networks should construct such equipment in a way that prevents networks from suffering unacceptable degradation of service when used under normal operating conditions. Network operators should construct their networks in such a way that manufacturers of equipment liable to be connected to networks do not suffer a disproportionate burden in order to prevent networks from suffering an unacceptable degradation of service. The European standardisation organisations should take due account of that objective (including the cumulative effects of the relevant types of electromagnetic phenomena) when developing harmonised standards.
- (15) It should be possible to place apparatus on the market or put it into service only if the manufacturers concerned have established that such apparatus has been designed and manufactured in conformity with the requirements of this Directive. Apparatus placed on the market should bear the 'CE' marking attesting to compliance with this Directive. Although conformity assessment should be the responsibility of the manufacturer, without any need to involve an independent conformity assessment body, manufacturers should be free to use the services of such a body.
- (16) The conformity assessment obligation should require the manufacturer to perform an electromagnetic compatibility assessment of apparatus, based on relevant phenomena, in order to determine whether or not it meets the protection requirements under this Directive.
- (17) Where apparatus is capable of taking different configurations, the electromagnetic compatibility assessment should confirm whether the apparatus meets the protection requirements in the configurations foreseeable by the manufacturer as representative of normal use in the intended applications; in such cases it should be sufficient to perform an assessment on the basis of the configuration most likely to cause maximum disturbance and the configuration most susceptible to disturbance.
- (18) Fixed installations, including large machines and networks, may generate electromagnetic disturbance, or be affected by it. There may be an interface between fixed installations and apparatus, and the electromagnetic disturbances produced by fixed installations may affect apparatus, and vice versa. In terms of electromagnetic compatibility, it is irrelevant whether the electromagnetic disturbance is produced by apparatus or by a fixed installation. Accordingly, fixed installations and apparatus should be subject to a coherent and comprehensive regime of essential requirements. It should be possible to use harmonised standards for fixed installations in order to demonstrate conformity with the essential requirements covered by such standards.
- (19) Due to their specific characteristics, fixed installations need not be subject to the affixation of the 'CE' marking or to the declaration of conformity.
- (20) It is not pertinent to carry out the conformity assessment of apparatus placed on the market for incorporation into a given fixed installation, and otherwise not commercially available, in isolation from the fixed installation into which it is to be incorporated. Such apparatus should therefore be exempted from the conformity assessment procedures normally applicable to apparatus. However, such apparatus should not be permitted to compromise the conformity of the fixed installation into which it is incorporated. Should apparatus be incorporated into more than one identical fixed installation, identifying the electromagnetic compatibility characteristics of these installations should be sufficient to ensure exemption from the conformity assessment procedure.

<sup>(1)</sup> OJ C 136, 4.6.1985, p. 1.

<sup>(2)</sup> OJ L 204, 21.7.1998, p. 37. Directive as last amended by the 2003 Act of Accession.

- (21) A transitional period is necessary in order to ensure that manufacturers and other concerned parties are able to adapt to the new regulatory regime.
- (22) Since the objective of this Directive, namely to ensure the functioning of the internal market by requiring equipment to comply with an adequate level of electromagnetic compatibility, cannot be sufficiently achieved by Member States and can therefore, by reason of its scale and effects, be better achieved at Community level, the Community may adopt measures, in accordance with the principle of subsidiarity as set out in Article 5 of the Treaty. In accordance with the principle of proportionality, as set out in that Article, this Directive does not go beyond what is necessary in order to achieve that objective.
- (23) Directive 89/336/EEC should therefore be repealed,
- (c) radio equipment used by radio amateurs within the meaning of the Radio Regulations adopted in the framework of the Constitution and Convention of the ITU <sup>(2)</sup>, unless the equipment is available commercially. Kits of components to be assembled by radio amateurs and commercial equipment modified by and for the use of radio amateurs are not regarded as commercially available equipment.
3. This Directive shall not apply to equipment the inherent nature of the physical characteristics of which is such that:
- (a) it is incapable of generating or contributing to electromagnetic emissions which exceed a level allowing radio and telecommunication equipment and other equipment to operate as intended; and
- (b) it will operate without unacceptable degradation in the presence of the electromagnetic disturbance normally consequent upon its intended use.
4. Where, for the equipment referred to in paragraph 1, the essential requirements referred to in Annex I are wholly or partly laid down more specifically by other Community directives, this Directive shall not apply, or shall cease to apply, to that equipment in respect of such requirements from the date of implementation of those directives.
5. This Directive shall not affect the application of Community or national legislation regulating the safety of equipment.

HAVE ADOPTED THIS DIRECTIVE:

## CHAPTER I

### GENERAL PROVISIONS

#### Article 1

#### Subject matter and scope

1. This Directive regulates the electromagnetic compatibility of equipment. It aims to ensure the functioning of the internal market by requiring equipment to comply with an adequate level of electromagnetic compatibility. This Directive applies to equipment as defined in Article 2.
2. This Directive shall not apply to:
- (a) equipment covered by Directive 1999/5/EC;
- (b) aeronautical products, parts and appliances as referred to in Regulation (EC) No 1592/2002 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 15 July 2002 on common rules in the field of civil aviation and establishing a European Aviation Safety Agency <sup>(1)</sup>;

<sup>(1)</sup> OJ L 240, 7.9.2002, p. 1. Regulation as amended by Commission Regulation (EC) No 1701/2003 (OJ L 243, 27.9.2003, p. 5).

#### Article 2

### Definitions

1. For the purposes of this Directive, the following definitions shall apply:
- (a) 'equipment' means any apparatus or fixed installation;
- (b) 'apparatus' means any finished appliance or combination thereof made commercially available as a single functional unit, intended for the end user and liable to generate electromagnetic disturbance, or the performance of which is liable to be affected by such disturbance;
- (c) 'fixed installation' means a particular combination of several types of apparatus and, where applicable, other devices, which are assembled, installed and intended to be used permanently at a predefined location;
- (d) 'electromagnetic compatibility' means the ability of equipment to function satisfactorily in its electromagnetic environment without introducing intolerable electromagnetic disturbances to other equipment in that environment;
- (e) 'electromagnetic disturbance' means any electromagnetic phenomenon which may degrade the performance of equipment. An electromagnetic disturbance may be electromagnetic noise, an unwanted signal or a change in the propagation medium itself;

<sup>(2)</sup> Constitution and Convention of the International Telecommunication Union adopted by the Additional Plenipotentiary Conference (Geneva, 1992) as amended by the Plenipotentiary Conference (Kyoto, 1994).

- (f) 'immunity' means the ability of equipment to perform as intended without degradation in the presence of an electromagnetic disturbance;
- (g) 'safety purposes' means the purposes of safeguarding human life or property;
- (h) 'electromagnetic environment' means all electromagnetic phenomena observable in a given location.

2. For the purposes of this Directive the following shall be deemed to be an apparatus within the meaning of paragraph 1(b):

- (a) 'components' or 'sub-assemblies' intended for incorporation into an apparatus by the end user, which are liable to generate electromagnetic disturbance, or the performance of which is liable to be affected by such disturbance;
- (b) 'mobile installations' defined as a combination of apparatus and, where applicable, other devices, intended to be moved and operated in a range of locations.

#### Article 3

##### Placing on the market and/or putting into service

Member States shall take all appropriate measures to ensure that equipment is placed on the market and/or put into service only if it complies with the requirements of this Directive when properly installed, maintained and used for its intended purpose.

#### Article 4

##### Free movement of equipment

1. Member States shall not impede, for reasons relating to electromagnetic compatibility, the placing on the market and/or the putting into service in their territory of equipment which complies with this Directive.
2. The requirements of this Directive shall not prevent the application in any Member State of the following special measures concerning the putting into service or use of equipment:
  - (a) measures to overcome an existing or predicted electromagnetic compatibility problem at a specific site;
  - (b) measures taken for safety reasons to protect public telecommunications networks or receiving or transmitting stations when used for safety purposes in well-defined spectrum situations.

Without prejudice to Directive 98/34/EC, Member States shall notify those special measures to the Commission and to the other Member States.

The special measures which have been accepted shall be published by the Commission in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

3. Member States shall not create any obstacles to the display and/or demonstration at trade fairs, exhibitions or similar events of equipment which does not comply with this Directive, provided that a visible sign clearly indicates that such equipment may not be placed on the market and/or put into service until it has been brought into conformity with this Directive. Demonstration may only take place provided that adequate measures are taken to avoid electromagnetic disturbances.

#### Article 5

##### Essential requirements

The equipment referred to in Article 1 shall meet the essential requirements set out in Annex I.

#### Article 6

##### Harmonised standards

1. 'Harmonised standard' means a technical specification adopted by a recognised European standardisation body under a mandate from the Commission in conformity with the procedures laid down in Directive 98/34/EC for the purpose of establishing a European requirement. Compliance with a 'harmonised standard' is not compulsory.

2. The compliance of equipment with the relevant harmonised standards whose references have been published in the *Official Journal of the European Union* shall raise a presumption, on the part of the Member States, of conformity with the essential requirements referred to in Annex I to which such standards relate. This presumption of conformity is limited to the scope of the harmonised standard(s) applied and the relevant essential requirements covered by such harmonised standard(s).

3. Where a Member State or the Commission considers that a harmonised standard does not entirely satisfy the essential requirements referred to in Annex I, it shall bring the matter before the Standing Committee set up by Directive 98/34/EC (hereinafter 'the Committee'), stating its reasons. The Committee shall deliver an opinion without delay.

4. Upon receipt of the Committee's opinion, the Commission shall take one of the following decisions with regard to the references to the harmonised standard concerned:

- (a) not to publish;
- (b) to publish with restrictions;
- (c) to maintain the reference in the *Official Journal of the European Union*;
- (d) to withdraw the reference from the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

The Commission shall inform the Member States of its decision without delay.



## CHAPTER II

## APPARATUS

## Article 7

**Conformity assessment procedure for apparatus**

Compliance of apparatus with the essential requirements referred to in Annex I shall be demonstrated by means of the procedure described in Annex II (internal production control). However, at the discretion of the manufacturer or of his authorised representative in the Community, the procedure described in Annex III may also be followed.

## Article 8

**'CE' marking**

1. Apparatus whose compliance with this Directive has been established by means of the procedure laid down in Article 7 shall bear the 'CE' marking which attests to that fact. The affixing of the 'CE' marking shall be the responsibility of the manufacturer or his authorised representative in the Community. The 'CE' marking shall be affixed in accordance with Annex V.

2. Member States shall take the necessary measures to prohibit the affixing to the apparatus, or to its packaging, or to the instructions for its use, of marks which are likely to mislead third parties in relation to the meaning and/or graphic form of the 'CE' marking.

3. Any other mark may be affixed to the apparatus, its packaging, or the instructions for its use, provided that neither the visibility nor the legibility of the 'CE' marking is thereby impaired.

4. Without prejudice to Article 10, if a competent authority establishes that the 'CE' marking has been unduly affixed, the manufacturer or his authorised representative in the Community shall bring the apparatus into conformity with the provisions concerning the 'CE' marking under conditions imposed by the Member State concerned.

## Article 9

**Other marks and information**

1. Each apparatus shall be identified in terms of type, batch, serial number or any other information allowing for the identification of the apparatus.

2. Each apparatus shall be accompanied by the name and address of the manufacturer and, if he is not established within the Community, the name and address of his authorised representative or of the person in the Community responsible for placing the apparatus on the Community market.

3. The manufacturer shall provide information on any specific precautions that must be taken when the apparatus is assembled, installed, maintained or used, in order to ensure that, when put into service, the apparatus is in conformity with the protection requirements set out in Annex I, point 1.

4. Apparatus for which compliance with the protection requirements is not ensured in residential areas shall be accompanied by a clear indication of this restriction of use, where appropriate also on the packaging.

5. The information required to enable apparatus to be used in accordance with the intended purpose of the apparatus shall be contained in the instructions accompanying the apparatus.

## Article 10

**Safeguards**

1. Where a Member State ascertains that apparatus bearing the 'CE' marking does not comply with the requirements of this Directive, it shall take all appropriate measures to withdraw the apparatus from the market, to prohibit its placing on the market or its putting into service, or to restrict the free movement thereof.

2. The Member State concerned shall immediately inform the Commission and the other Member States of any such measure, indicating the reasons and specifying, in particular, whether non-compliance is due to:

- (a) failure to satisfy the essential requirements referred to in Annex I, where the apparatus does not comply with the harmonised standards referred to in Article 6;
- (b) incorrect application of the harmonised standards referred to in Article 6;
- (c) shortcomings in the harmonised standards referred to in Article 6.

3. The Commission shall consult the parties concerned as soon as possible, following which it shall inform the Member States whether or not it finds the measure to be justified.

4. Where the measure referred to in paragraph 1 is attributed to a shortcoming in harmonised standards, the Commission, after consulting the parties, shall, if the Member State concerned intends to uphold the measure, bring the matter before the Committee and initiate the procedure laid down in Article 6(3) and (4).

5. Where the non-compliant apparatus has been subject to the conformity assessment procedure referred to in Annex III, the Member State concerned shall take appropriate action in respect of the author of the statement referred to in Annex III, point 3, and shall inform the Commission and the other Member States accordingly.

## Article 11

**Decisions to withdraw, prohibit or restrict the free movement of apparatus**

1. Any decision taken pursuant to this Directive to withdraw apparatus from the market, prohibit or restrict its placing on the market or its putting into service, or restrict the free movement thereof, shall state the exact grounds on which it is based. Such decisions shall be notified without delay to the party concerned, who shall at the same time be informed of the remedies available to him under the national law in force in the Member State in question and of the time limits to which such remedies are subject.

2. In the event of a decision as referred to in paragraph 1, the manufacturer, his authorised representative, or any other interested party shall have the opportunity to put forward his point of view in advance, unless such consultation is not possible because of the urgency of the measure to be taken as justified in particular with respect to public interest requirements.

## Article 12

**Notified bodies**

1. Member States shall notify the Commission of the bodies which they have designated to carry out the tasks referred to in Annex III. When determining the bodies to be designated, Member States shall apply the criteria laid down in Annex VI.

Such notification shall state whether the bodies are designated to carry out the tasks referred to in Annex III for all apparatus covered by this Directive, and/or the essential requirements referred to in Annex I or whether the scope of designation is limited to certain specific aspects and/or categories of apparatus.

2. Bodies which comply with the assessment criteria established by the relevant harmonised standards shall be presumed to comply with the criteria set out in Annex VI covered by such harmonised standards. The Commission shall publish in the *Official Journal of the European Union* the references of those standards.

3. The Commission shall publish in the *Official Journal of the European Union* a list of notified bodies. The Commission shall ensure that the list is kept up to date.

4. If a Member State finds that a notified body no longer meets the criteria listed in Annex VI, it shall inform the Commission and the other Member States accordingly. The Commission shall withdraw the reference to that body from the list referred to in paragraph 3.

## CHAPTER III

**FIXED INSTALLATIONS**

## Article 13

**Fixed installations**

1. Apparatus which has been placed on the market and which may be incorporated into a fixed installation is subject to all relevant provisions for apparatus set out in this Directive.

However, the provisions of Articles 5, 7, 8 and 9 shall not be compulsory in the case of apparatus which is intended for incorporation into a given fixed installation and is otherwise not commercially available. In such cases, the accompanying documentation shall identify the fixed installation and its electromagnetic compatibility characteristics and shall indicate the precautions to be taken for the incorporation of the apparatus into the fixed installation in order not to compromise the conformity of that installation. It shall furthermore include the information referred to in Article 9(1) and (2).

2. Where there are indications of non-compliance of the fixed installation, in particular, where there are complaints about disturbances being generated by the installation, the competent authorities of the Member State concerned may request evidence of compliance of the fixed installation, and, when appropriate, initiate an assessment.

Where non-compliance is established, the competent authorities may impose appropriate measures to bring the fixed installation into compliance with the protection requirements set out in Annex I, point 1.

3. Member States shall set out the necessary provisions for identifying the person or persons responsible for the establishment of compliance of a fixed installation with the relevant essential requirements.

## CHAPTER IV

**FINAL PROVISIONS**

## Article 14

**Repeal**

Directive 89/336/EEC is hereby repealed as from 20 July 2007.

References to Directive 89/336/EEC shall be construed as references to this Directive and should be read in accordance with the correlation table set out in Annex VII.

*Article 15***Transitional provisions**

Member States shall not impede the placing on the market and/or the putting into service of equipment which is in compliance with the provisions of Directive 89/336/EEC and which was placed on the market before 20 July 2009.

*Article 16***Transposition**

1. Member States shall adopt and publish the laws, regulations and administrative provisions necessary to comply with this Directive by 20 January 2007. They shall forthwith inform the Commission thereof. They shall apply those provisions as from 20 July 2007. When Member States adopt those provisions, they shall contain a reference to this Directive or shall be accompanied by such reference on the occasion of their official publication. The methods of making such reference shall be laid down by Member States.

2. Member States shall communicate to the Commission the texts of the provisions of national law which they adopt in the field covered by this Directive.

*Article 17***Entry into force**

This Directive shall enter into force on the twentieth day after its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

*Article 18***Addressees**

This Directive is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Strasbourg, 15 December 2004.

*For the European Parliament*

*The President*

J. BORRELL FONTELLES

*For the Council*

*The President*

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## ANNEX I

## ESSENTIAL REQUIREMENTS REFERRED TO IN ARTICLE 5

**1. Protection requirements**

Equipment shall be so designed and manufactured, having regard to the state of the art, as to ensure that:

- (a) the electromagnetic disturbance generated does not exceed the level above which radio and telecommunications equipment or other equipment cannot operate as intended;
- (b) it has a level of immunity to the electromagnetic disturbance to be expected in its intended use which allows it to operate without unacceptable degradation of its intended use.

**2. Specific requirements for fixed installations**

Installation and intended use of components

A fixed installation shall be installed applying good engineering practices and respecting the information on the intended use of its components, with a view to meeting the protection requirements set out in Point 1. Those good engineering practices shall be documented and the documentation shall be held by the person(s) responsible at the disposal of the relevant national authorities for inspection purposes for as long as the fixed installation is in operation.

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## ANNEX II

**CONFORMITY ASSESSMENT PROCEDURE REFERRED TO IN ARTICLE 7****(internal production control)**

1. The manufacturer shall perform an electromagnetic compatibility assessment of the apparatus, on the basis of the relevant phenomena, with a view to meeting the protection requirements set out in Annex I, point 1. The correct application of all the relevant harmonised standards whose references have been published in the *Official Journal of the European Union* shall be equivalent to the carrying out of the electromagnetic compatibility assessment.
  2. The electromagnetic compatibility assessment shall take into account all normal intended operating conditions. Where the apparatus is capable of taking different configurations, the electromagnetic compatibility assessment shall confirm whether the apparatus meets the protection requirements set out in Annex I, point 1, in all the possible configurations identified by the manufacturer as representative of its intended use.
  3. In accordance with the provisions set out in Annex IV, the manufacturer shall draw up technical documentation providing evidence of the conformity of the apparatus with the essential requirements of this Directive.
  4. The manufacturer or his authorised representative in the Community shall hold the technical documentation at the disposal of the competent authorities for at least ten years after the date on which such apparatus was last manufactured.
  5. The compliance of apparatus with all relevant essential requirements shall be attested by an EC declaration of conformity issued by the manufacturer or his authorised representative in the Community.
  6. The manufacturer or his authorised representative in the Community shall hold the EC declaration of conformity at the disposal of the competent authorities for a period of at least ten years after the date on which such apparatus was last manufactured.
  7. If neither the manufacturer nor his authorised representative is established within the Community, the obligation to hold the EC declaration of conformity and the technical documentation at the disposal of the competent authorities shall lie with the person who places the apparatus on the Community market.
  8. The manufacturer must take all measures necessary to ensure that the products are manufactured in accordance with the technical documentation referred to in point 3 and with the provisions of this Directive that apply to them.
  9. The technical documentation and the EC declaration of conformity shall be drawn up in accordance with the provisions set out in Annex IV.
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## ANNEX III

**CONFORMITY ASSESSMENT PROCEDURE REFERRED TO IN ARTICLE 7**

1. This procedure consists of applying Annex II, completed as follows:
  2. The manufacturer or his authorised representative in the Community shall present the technical documentation to the notified body referred to in Article 12 and request the notified body for an assessment thereof. The manufacturer or his authorised representative in the Community shall specify to the notified body which aspects of the essential requirements must be assessed by the notified body.
  3. The notified body shall review the technical documentation and assess whether the technical documentation properly demonstrates that the requirements of the Directive that it is to assess have been met. If the compliance of the apparatus is confirmed, the notified body shall issue a statement to the manufacturer or his authorised representative in the Community confirming the compliance of the apparatus. That statement shall be limited to those aspects of the essential requirements which have been assessed by the notified body.
  4. The manufacturer shall add the statement of the notified body to the technical documentation.
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## ANNEX IV

**TECHNICAL DOCUMENTATION AND EC DECLARATION OF CONFORMITY****1. Technical documentation**

The technical documentation must enable the conformity of the apparatus with the essential requirements to be assessed. It must cover the design and manufacture of the apparatus, in particular:

- a general description of the apparatus;
- evidence of compliance with the harmonised standards, if any, applied in full or in part;
- where the manufacturer has not applied harmonised standards, or has applied them only in part, a description and explanation of the steps taken to meet the essential requirements of the Directive, including a description of the electromagnetic compatibility assessment set out in Annex II, point 1, results of design calculations made, examinations carried out, test reports, etc.;
- a statement from the notified body, when the procedure referred to in Annex III has been followed.

**2. EC declaration of conformity**

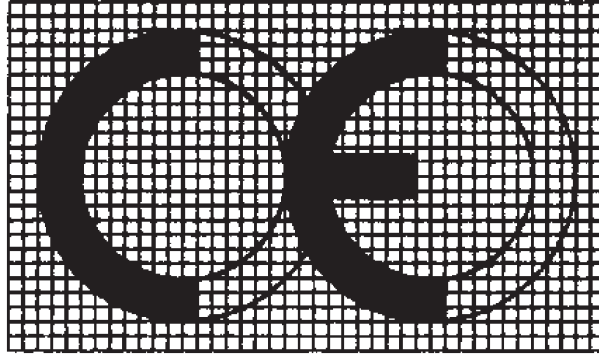
The EC declaration of conformity must contain, at least, the following:

- a reference to this Directive,
  - an identification of the apparatus to which it refers, as set out in Article 9(1),
  - the name and address of the manufacturer and, where applicable, the name and address of his authorised representative in the Community,
  - a dated reference to the specifications under which conformity is declared to ensure the conformity of the apparatus with the provisions of this Directive,
  - the date of that declaration,
  - the identity and signature of the person empowered to bind the manufacturer or his authorised representative.
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## ANNEX V

**'CE' MARKING REFERRED TO IN ARTICLE 8**

The 'CE' marking shall consist in the initials 'CE' taking the following form:



The 'CE' marking must have a height of at least 5 mm. If the 'CE' marking is reduced or enlarged the proportions given in the above graduated drawing must be respected.

The 'CE' marking must be affixed to the apparatus or to its data plate. Where this is not possible or not warranted on account of the nature of the apparatus, it must be affixed to the packaging, if any, and to the accompanying documents.

Where the apparatus is the subject of other Directives covering other aspects and which also provide for the 'CE' marking, the latter shall indicate that the apparatus also conforms with those other Directives.

However, where one or more of those Directives allow the manufacturer, during a transitional period, to choose which arrangements to apply, the 'CE' marking shall indicate conformity only with the Directives applied by the manufacturer. In that case, particulars of the Directives applied, as published in the *Official Journal of the European Union*, must be given in the documents, notices or instructions required by the Directives and accompanying such apparatus.

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## ANNEX VI

**CRITERIA FOR THE ASSESSMENT OF THE BODIES TO BE NOTIFIED**

1. The bodies notified by the Member States shall fulfil the following minimum conditions:
    - (a) availability of personnel and of the necessary means and equipment;
    - (b) technical competence and professional integrity of personnel;
    - (c) independence in preparing the reports and performing the verification function provided for in this Directive;
    - (d) independence of staff and technical personnel in relation to all interested parties, groups or persons directly or indirectly concerned with the equipment in question;
    - (e) maintenance of professional secrecy by personnel;
    - (f) possession of civil liability insurance unless such liability is covered by the Member State under national law.
  2. Fulfilment of the conditions laid down in point 1 shall be verified at intervals by the competent authorities of the Member State.
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## ANNEX VII

## CORRELATION TABLE

Directive 89/336/EEC	This Directive
Article 1, point 1	Article 2(1)(a), (b) and (c)
Article 1, point 2	Article 2(1)(e)
Article 1, point 3	Article 2(1)(f)
Article 1, point 4	Article 2(1)(d)
Article 1, points 5 and 6	-
Article 2(1)	Article 1(1)
Article 2(2)	Article 1(4)
Article 2(3)	Article 1(2)
Article 3	Article 3
Article 4	Article 5 and Annex I
Article 5	Article 4(1)
Article 6	Article 4(2)
Article 7(1)(a)	Article 6(1) and (2)
Article 7(1)(b)	-
Article 7(2).	-
Article 7(3)	-
Article 8(1)	Article 6(3) and (4)
Article 8(2)	-
Article 9(1)	Article 10(1) and (2)
Article 9(2)	Article 10(3) and (4)
Article 9(3)	Article 10(5)
Article 9(4)	Article 10(3)
Article 10(1), first sub-paragraph	Article 7, Annexes II and III
Article 10(1), second sub-paragraph	Article 8
Article 10(2)	Article 7, Annexes II and III
Article 10(3)	-
Article 10(4)	-
Article 10(5)	Article 7, Annexes II and III
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**DIRECTIVE 2006/95/EC OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL****of 12 December 2006****on the harmonisation of the laws of Member States relating to electrical equipment designed for use within certain voltage limits****(codified version)****(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 95 thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Having regard to the Opinion of the European Economic and Social Committee <sup>(1)</sup>,

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

Whereas:

- (1) Council Directive 73/23/EEC of 19 February 1973 on the harmonisation of the laws of Member States relating to electrical equipment designed for use within certain voltage limits <sup>(3)</sup> has been substantially amended <sup>(4)</sup>. In the interests of clarity and rationality the said Directive should be codified.
- (2) The provisions in force in the Member States designed to ensure safety in the use of electrical equipment used within certain voltage limits may differ, thus impeding trade.
- (3) In certain Member States in respect of certain electrical equipment, the safety legislation takes the form of preventive and repressive measures by means of binding provisions.
- (4) In other Member States in order to achieve the same objective, the safety legislation provides for reference to technical standards laid down by Standards Bodies. Such a system offers the advantage of rapid adjustment to technical progress without neglecting safety requirements.

(5) Certain Member States carry out administrative operations to approve standards. Such approval neither affects the technical content of the standards in any way nor limits their conditions of use. Such approval cannot therefore alter the effects, from a Community point of view, of harmonised and published standards.

(6) Within the Community, the free movement of electrical equipment should follow when this equipment complies with certain safety requirements recognised in all Member States. Without prejudice to any other form of proof, the proof of compliance with these requirements may be established by reference to harmonised standards which incorporate these conditions. These harmonised standards should be established by common agreement by bodies to be notified by each Member State to the other Member States and to the Commission and should be publicised as widely as possible. Such harmonisation should, for the purposes of trade, eliminate the inconveniences resulting from differences between national standards.

(7) Without prejudice to any other form of proof, the compliance of electrical equipment with the harmonised standards may be presumed from the affixing or issue of marks or certificates by the competent organisations or, in the absence thereof, from a manufacturer's declaration of compliance. In order to facilitate the removal of barriers to trade, the Member States should recognise such marks or certificates or such declaration as elements of proof. With this end in view, the said marks or certificates should be publicised in particular by their publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

(8) As a transitional measure, the free movement of electrical equipment for which harmonised standards do not yet exist may be achieved by applying the safety provisions or standards already laid down by other international bodies or by one of the bodies which establish harmonised standards.

(9) It is possible that electrical equipment may be placed in free circulation even though it does not comply with the safety requirements, and it is therefore desirable to lay down suitable provisions to minimise this danger.

<sup>(1)</sup> OJ C 10, 14.1.2004, p. 6.

<sup>(2)</sup> Opinion of the European Parliament of 21 October 2003 (OJ C 82 E, 1.4.2004, p. 68) and Decision of the Council of 14 November 2006.

<sup>(3)</sup> OJ L 77, 26.3.1973, p. 29. Directive as amended by Directive 93/68/EEC (OJ L 220, 30.8.1993, p. 1).

<sup>(4)</sup> See Annex V, Part A.

- (10) Council Decision 93/465/EEC <sup>(1)</sup> establishes the modules for the various phases of the conformity assessment procedures which are intended to be used in the technical harmonisation Directives.
- (11) The choice of procedures should not lead to a lowering of safety standards of electrical equipment, which have already been established throughout the Community.
- (12) This Directive should be without prejudice to the obligations of the Member States relating to the time-limits for transposition into national law and application of the Directives set out in Annex V, Part B,

HAVE ADOPTED THIS DIRECTIVE:

#### Article 1

For the purposes of this Directive, 'electrical equipment' means any equipment designed for use with a voltage rating of between 50 and 1 000 V for alternating current and between 75 and 1 500 V for direct current, other than the equipment and phenomena listed in Annex II.

#### Article 2

1. The Member States shall take all appropriate measures to ensure that electrical equipment may be placed on the market only if, having been constructed in accordance with good engineering practice in safety matters in force in the Community, it does not endanger the safety of persons, domestic animals or property when properly installed and maintained and used in applications for which it was made.
2. The principal elements of the safety objectives referred to in paragraph 1 are listed in Annex I.

#### Article 3

The Member States shall take all appropriate measures to ensure that if electrical equipment is of such a nature as to comply with the provisions of Article 2, subject to the conditions laid down in Articles 5, 6, 7 or 8, the free movement thereof within the Community shall not be impeded for reasons of safety.

#### Article 4

In relation to electrical equipment, the Member States shall ensure that stricter safety requirements than those laid down in Article 2 are not imposed by electricity supply bodies for connection to the grid, or for the supply of electricity to users of electrical equipment.

#### Article 5

The Member States shall take all appropriate measures to ensure that, in particular, electrical equipment which complies with the safety provisions of harmonised standards shall be regarded by their competent administrative authorities as complying with the provisions of Article 2, for the purposes of placing on the market and free movement as referred to in Articles 2 and 3 respectively.

<sup>(1)</sup> Council Decision 93/465/EEC of 22 July 1993 concerning the modules for the various phases of the conformity assessment procedures and the rules for the affixing and use of the CE conformity marking, which are intended to be used in the technical harmonisation directives (OJ L 220, 30.8.1993, p. 23).

Standards shall be regarded as harmonised once they are drawn up by common agreement between the bodies notified by the Member States in accordance with Article 11, first paragraph, point (a), and published under national procedures. The standards shall be kept up to date in the light of technological progress and the developments in good engineering practice in safety matters.

For purposes of information the list of harmonised standards and their references shall be published in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

#### Article 6

1. Where harmonised standards as defined in Article 5 have not yet been drawn up and published, the Member States shall take all appropriate measures to ensure that, for the purposes of placing on the market or free movement as referred to in Articles 2 and 3 respectively, their competent administrative authorities shall also regard as complying with the provisions of Article 2 electrical equipment which complies with the safety provisions of the International Commission on the Rules for the Approval of Electrical Equipment (CEE) or of the International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC) in respect of which the publication procedure laid down in paragraphs 2 and 3 has been applied.

2. The safety provisions referred to in paragraph 1 shall be notified to the Member States by the Commission as from the entry into force of this Directive, and thereafter as and when they are published. The Commission, after consulting the Member States, shall state the provisions and in particular the variants which it recommends to be published.

3. The Member States shall inform the Commission within a period of three months of such objections as they may have to the provisions thus notified, stating the safety grounds on account of which the provisions should not be recognised.

For purposes of information those safety provisions against which no objection has been raised shall be published in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

#### Article 7

Where harmonised standards within the meaning of Article 5 or safety provisions published in accordance with Article 6 are not yet in existence, the Member States shall take all appropriate measures to ensure that, for the purpose of placing on the market or free movement as referred to in Articles 2 and 3 respectively, their competent administrative authorities shall also regard as complying with the provisions of Article 2 electrical equipment manufactured in accordance with the safety provisions of the standards in force in the Member State of manufacture, if it ensures a safety level equivalent to that required in their own territory.

*Article 8*

1. Before being placed on the market, the electrical equipment must have affixed to it the CE marking provided for in Article 10 attesting to its conformity to the provisions of this Directive, including the conformity assessment procedure described in Annex IV.

2. In the event of a challenge, the manufacturer or importer may submit a report, drawn up by a body, which is notified in accordance with Article 11, first paragraph, point (b), on the conformity of the electrical equipment with the provisions of Article 2.

3. Where electrical equipment is subject to other Directives concerning other aspects which also provide for the affixing of the CE marking, the latter shall indicate that the equipment in question is also presumed to conform to the provisions of those other Directives.

However, where one or more of these Directives allow the manufacturer, during a transitional period, to choose which arrangements to apply, the CE marking shall indicate conformity to the provisions only of those Directives applied by the manufacturer. In this case, particulars of the Directives applied, as published in the *Official Journal of the European Union*, must be given in the documents, notices or instructions required by the Directives and accompanying the electrical equipment.

*Article 9*

1. If, for safety reasons, a Member State prohibits the placing on the market of any electrical equipment or impedes its free movement, it shall immediately inform the other Member States concerned and the Commission, indicating the grounds for its decision and stating in particular:

- (a) whether its non-conformity with Article 2 is attributable to a shortcoming in the harmonised standards referred to in Article 5, the provisions referred to in Article 6 or the standards referred to in Article 7;
- (b) whether its non-conformity with Article 2 is attributable to faulty application of such standards or publications or to failure to comply with good engineering practice as referred to in that Article.

2. If other Member States raise objections to the decision referred to in paragraph 1, the Commission shall immediately consult the Member States concerned.

3. If an agreement has not been reached within three months from the date of communication of the information as laid down in paragraph 1, the Commission shall obtain the opinion of one of the bodies notified in accordance with Article 11, first paragraph, point (b), having its registered office outside the territory of the Member States concerned and which has not been involved in the procedure provided for in Article 8. The opinion shall state the extent to which the provisions of Article 2 have not been complied with.

4. The Commission shall communicate the opinion of the body referred to in paragraph 3 to all Member States which may, within a period of one month, make their observations known to the Commission. The Commission shall at the same time note any observations by the parties concerned on that opinion.

5. Having taken note of these observations the Commission shall, if necessary, formulate the appropriate recommendations or opinions.

*Article 10*

1. The CE conformity marking referred to in Annex III shall be affixed by the manufacturer or his authorised representative established within the Community to the electrical equipment or, failing that, to the packaging, the introduction sheet or the guarantee certificate so as to be visible, easily legible and indelible.

2. The affixing on electrical equipment of any markings liable to deceive third parties as to the meaning and form of the CE marking shall be prohibited. However, any other marking may be affixed to the electrical equipment, its packaging, the instruction sheet or the guarantee certificate provided that the visibility and legibility of the CE marking is not thereby reduced.

3. Without prejudice to Article 9:

- (a) where a Member State establishes that the CE marking has been affixed unduly, the manufacturer or his authorised representative established within the Community shall be obliged to make the electrical equipment comply as regards the provisions concerning the CE marking and to end the infringement under conditions imposed by the Member State;
- (b) where non-compliance continues, the Member State shall take all appropriate measures to restrict or prohibit the placing on the market of the electrical equipment in question or to ensure that it is withdrawn from the market in accordance with Article 9.

*Article 11*

Each Member State shall inform the other Member States and the Commission of the following:

- (a) the bodies referred to in Article 5, second paragraph;
- (b) the bodies which may make a report in accordance with Article 8(2) or give an opinion in accordance with Article 9;
- (c) the publication reference referred to in the second paragraph of Article 5.

Any amendment to the above shall be notified by each Member State to the other Member States and to the Commission.

*Article 12*

This Directive shall not apply to electrical equipment intended for export to third countries.

*Article 13*

The Member States shall communicate to the Commission the texts of the main provisions of national laws which they adopt in the field covered by this Directive.

*Article 14*

Directive 73/23/EEC is hereby repealed without prejudice to the obligations of the Member States relating to the time-limits for transposition into national law and application of the Directives set out in Annex V, Part B.

References made to the repealed Directive shall be construed as being made to this Directive and should be read in accordance with the correlation table in Annex VI.

*Article 15*

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

*Article 16*

This Directive is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Strasbourg, 12 December 2006.

*For the European Parliament*

*The President*

J. BORRELL FONTELLES

*For the Council*

*The President*

M. PEKKARINEN



## ANNEX I

**Principal Elements of the Safety Objectives for Electrical Equipment Designed For Use within Certain Voltage Limits**

## 1. General conditions

- (a) The essential characteristics, the recognition and observance of which will ensure that electrical equipment will be used safely and in applications for which it was made, shall be marked on the equipment, or, if this is not possible, on an accompanying notice.
- (b) The brand name or the trade mark should be clearly printed on the electrical equipment or, where that is not possible, on the packaging.
- (c) The electrical equipment, together with its component parts, should be made in such a way as to ensure that it can be safely and properly assembled and connected.
- (d) The electrical equipment should be so designed and manufactured as to ensure that protection against the hazards set out in points 2 and 3 of this Annex is assured, providing that the equipment is used in applications for which it was made and is adequately maintained.

## 2. Protection against hazards arising from the electrical equipment

Measures of a technical nature should be prescribed in accordance with point 1, in order to ensure:

- (a) that persons and domestic animals are adequately protected against the danger of physical injury or other harm which might be caused by direct or indirect contact;
- (b) that temperatures, arcs or radiation which would cause a danger, are not produced;
- (c) that persons, domestic animals and property are adequately protected against non-electrical dangers caused by the electrical equipment which are revealed by experience;
- (d) that the insulation must be suitable for foreseeable conditions.

## 3. Protection against hazards which may be caused by external influences on the electrical equipment

Technical measures are to be laid down in accordance with point 1, in order to ensure:

- (a) that the electrical equipment meets the expected mechanical requirements in such a way that persons, domestic animals and property are not endangered;
  - (b) that the electrical equipment shall be resistant to non-mechanical influences in expected environmental conditions, in such a way that persons, domestic animals and property are not endangered;
  - (c) that the electrical equipment shall not endanger persons, domestic animals and property in foreseeable conditions of overload.
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*ANNEX II***Equipment and Phenomena outside the Scope of this Directive**

Electrical equipment for use in an explosive atmosphere

Electrical equipment for radiology and medical purposes

Electrical parts for goods and passenger lifts

Electricity meters

Plugs and socket outlets for domestic use

Electric fence controllers

Radio-electrical interference

Specialised electrical equipment, for use on ships, aircraft or railways, which complies with the safety provisions drawn up by international bodies in which the Member States participate.

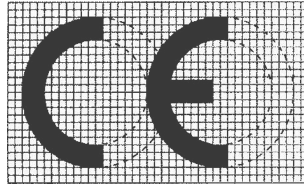
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## ANNEX III

**Ce Conformity Marking And EC Declaration of Conformity**

## A. CE conformity marking

The CE conformity marking shall consist of the initials 'CE' taking the following form:



- If the CE marking is reduced or enlarged the proportions given in the above graduated drawing must be respected.
- The various components of the CE marking must have substantially the same vertical dimension, which may not be less than 5 mm.

## B. EC declaration of conformity

The EC declaration of conformity must contain the following elements:

- name and address of the manufacturer or his authorised representative established within the Community,
  - a description of the electrical equipment,
  - reference to the harmonised standards,
  - where appropriate, references to the specifications with which conformity is declared,
  - identification of the signatory who has been empowered to enter into commitments on behalf of the manufacturer or his authorised representative established within the Community,
  - the last two digits of the year in which the CE marking was affixed.
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## ANNEX IV

**Internal Production Control**

1. Internal production control is the procedure whereby the manufacturer or his authorised representative established within the Community, who carries out the obligations laid down in point 2, ensures and declares that the electrical equipment satisfies the requirements of this Directive that apply to it. The manufacturer or his authorised representative established within the Community must affix the CE marking to each product and draw up a written declaration of conformity.
2. The manufacturer must establish the technical documentation described in point 3 and he or his authorised representative established within the Community must keep it on Community territory at the disposal of the relevant national authorities for inspection purposes for a period ending at least 10 years after the last product has been manufactured.

Where neither the manufacturer nor his authorised representative is established within the Community, this obligation is the responsibility of the person who places the electrical equipment on the Community market.

3. Technical documentation must enable the conformity of the electrical equipment to the requirements of this Directive to be assessed. It must, as far as relevant for such assessment, cover the design, manufacture and operation of the electrical equipment. It must include:
  - a general description of the electrical equipment,
  - conceptual design and manufacturing drawings and schemes of components, sub-assemblies, circuits, etc.,
  - descriptions and explanations necessary for the understanding of said drawings and schemes and the operation of the electrical equipment,
  - a list of the standards applied in full or in part, and descriptions of the solutions adopted to satisfy the safety aspects of this Directive where standards have not been applied,
  - results of design calculations made, examinations carried out, etc.,
  - test reports.
4. The manufacturer or his authorised representative must keep a copy of the declaration of conformity with the technical documentation.
5. The manufacturer must take all measures necessary in order that the manufacturing process shall ensure compliance of the manufactured products with the technical documentation referred to in point 2 and with the requirements of this Directive that apply to them.

## ANNEX V

## Part A

## Repealed Directive with its amendment

Council Directive 73/23/EEC	(OJ L 77, 26.3.1973, p. 29)
Council Directive 93/68/EEC Article 1	(OJ L 220, 30.8.1993, p. 1)
point 12 and Article 13 only	

## Part B

## List of time-limits for transposition into national law and application

*(referred to in Article 14)*

Directive	Time-limit for transposition	Date of application
73/23/EEC	21 August 1974 <sup>(1)</sup>	—
93/68/EEC	1 July 1994	1 January 1995 <sup>(2)</sup>

<sup>(1)</sup> In the case of Denmark the time-limit was extended to five years, i.e. 21 February 1978. See Article 13(1) of Directive 73/23/EEC.

<sup>(2)</sup> Until 1 January 1997 Member States had to allow the placing on the market and the bringing into service of products which complied with the marking arrangements in force before 1 January 1995. See Article 14(2) of Directive 93/68/EEC.



## ANNEX VI

**Correlation Table**

Directive 73/23/EEC	This Directive
Articles 1 — 7	Articles 1 — 7
Article 8(1)	Article 8(1)
Article 8(2)	Article 8(2)
Article 8(3)(a)	Article 8(3), first subparagraph
Article 8(3)(b)	Article 8(3), second subparagraph
Article 9(1), first indent	Article 9(1) (a)
Article 9(1), second indent	Article 9(1) (b)
Article 9(2) to (5)	Article 9(2) to (5)
Article 10	Article 10
Article 11, first indent	Article 11(a)
Article 11, second indent	Article 11(b)
Article 11, third indent	Article 11(c)
Article 12	Article 12
Article 13(1)	—
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—	Article 15
Article 14	Article 16
Annexes I to IV	Annexes I to IV
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—	Annex VI