

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of information in the field of technical standards and regulations and of rules on Information Society services; (repealed)

Article 6

1 The Committee shall meet at least twice a year with the representatives of the standards institutions referred to in Annexes I and II.

[^{F1}The Committee shall meet in a specific composition to examine questions concerning Information Society services.]

2 The Commission shall submit to the Committee a report on the implementation and application of the procedures set out in this Directive, and shall present proposals aimed at eliminating existing or foreseeable barriers to trade.

3 The Committee shall express its opinion on the communications and proposals referred to in paragraph 2 and may in this connection propose, in particular, that the Commission:

- request the European standards institutions to draw up a European standard within a given time limit,
- ensure where necessary, in order to avoid the risk of barriers to trade, that initially the Member States concerned decide amongst themselves on appropriate measures,
- take all appropriate measures,
- identify the areas where harmonisation appears necessary, and, should the case arise, undertake appropriate harmonisation in a given sector.

4 The Committee must be consulted by the Commission:

- a before any amendment is made to the lists in Annexes I and II (Article 2(1));
- b when drawing up the rules for the consolidated presentation of information and the plan and criteria for the presentation of standards programmes (Article 2(2));
- c when deciding on the actual system whereby the exchange of information provided for in this Directive is to be effected and on any change to it;
- d when reviewing the operation of the system set up by this Directive;
- e on the requests to the standards institutions referred to in the first indent of paragraph 3.

5 The Committee may be consulted by the Commission on any preliminary draft technical regulation received by the latter.

6 Any question regarding the implementation of this Directive may be submitted to the Committee at the request of its chairman or of a Member State.

7 The proceedings of the Committee and the information to be submitted to it shall be confidential.

However, the Committee and the national authorities may, provided that the necessary precautions are taken, consult, for an expert opinion, natural or legal persons, including persons in the private sector.

[^{F18} With respect to rules on services, the Commission and the Committee may consult natural or legal persons from industry or academia, and where possible representative bodies, capable of delivering an expert opinion on the social and societal aims and consequences of any draft rule on services, and take notice of their advice whenever requested to do so.]

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Textual Amendments

F1 Inserted by [Directive 98/48/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 July 1998](#).