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APPLICATION OF SUMMER TIME

Addendum 2

Directive 2000/84/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 19 January 2001 on  
summer time arrangements transmitted by the European Commission (EC)

**DIRECTIVE 2000/84/EC OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL**  
**of 19 January 2001**  
**on summer-time arrangements**

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<sup>1</sup>,

Having regard to the opinion of the Economic and Social  
Committee<sup>2</sup>,

Acting in accordance with the procedure laid down in  
Article 251 of the Treaty<sup>3</sup>,

Whereas:

- (1) The eighth Directive, 97/44/EC, of the European  
Parliament and of the Council of 22 July 1997 on  
summer-time arrangements<sup>4</sup> introduced a common  
date and time in all Member States, for the  
beginning and end of summer time in 1998, 1999,  
2000 and 2001.
- (2) Given that the Member States apply summer-time  
arrangements, it is important for the functioning  
of the internal market that a common date and  
time for the beginning and end of the summer-  
time period be fixed throughout the Community.
- (3) Since the summer-time period considered most  
appropriate by the Member States runs from the  
end of March to the end of October, it is  
appropriate that that period therefore be  
maintained.
- (4) The proper functioning of certain sectors, not only  
transport and communications, but also other  
sectors of industry, requires stable, long-term  
planning. Provisions concerning summer time  
should therefore be laid down for an unspecified  
period. Article 4 of Directive 97/44/EC provides,  
in that respect, that the European Parliament and  
the Council are to adopt, by 1 January 2001, the  
arrangements to apply from 2002 onwards.

- (5) For reasons of clarity and accuracy of  
information, a timetable for the implementation of  
the summer-time period for the following five  
years should be published every five years.
- (6) Implementation of this Directive should,  
moreover, be monitored by means of a report, to  
be presented by the Commission to the European  
Parliament, the Council and the Economic and  
Social Committee, on the impact of these  
provisions in all of the areas concerned. That  
report should be based on the information made  
available to the Commission by the Member  
States in sufficient time to enable the report to be  
presented at the specified time.
- (7) Given that the complete harmonisation of the  
timetable for the summer-time period with a view  
to facilitating transport and communications  
cannot be sufficiently achieved by the Member  
States and can therefore be better achieved at  
Community level, the Community may take  
measures, in accordance with the principle of  
subsidiarity as set out in Article 5 of the Treaty.  
This Directive does not go beyond what is  
necessary to achieve those objectives.
- (8) For geographical reasons, the common summer-  
time arrangements should not apply to the  
overseas territories of the Member States,

HAVE ADOPTED THIS DIRECTIVE:

Article 1

For the purposes of this Directive 'summer-time period'  
shall mean the period of the year during which clocks are  
put forward by 60 minutes compared with the rest of the  
year.

Article 2

From 2002 onwards, the summer-time period shall begin, in  
every Member State, at 1.00 a.m., Greenwich Mean Time  
on the last Sunday in March.

Article 3

From 2002 onwards, the summer-time period shall end, in  
every Member State, at 1.00 a.m., Greenwich Mean Time,  
on the last Sunday in October.

<sup>1</sup> OJ C 337, 28.11.2000, p. 136.

<sup>2</sup> Opinion delivered on 29 November 2000 (not yet  
published in the Official Journal)

<sup>3</sup> Opinion of the European Parliament of 12 December 2000  
(not yet published in the Official Journal) and Council  
Decision of 20 December 2000.

<sup>4</sup> OJ L 206, 1.8.1997, p. 62.

Article 4

The Commission shall publish a communication in the Official Journal of the European Communities<sup>5</sup>, for the first time on the occasion of the publication of this Directive, and every five years thereafter, containing the timetable showing the dates on which the summer-time period will begin and end for the following five years.

Article 5

The Commission shall report to the European Parliament, the Council and the Economic and Social Committee on the impact of the provisions of this Directive on the sectors concerned by 31 December 2007 at the latest.

That report shall be drawn up on the basis of the information made available to the Commission by each Member State by 30 April 2007 at the latest.

The Commission shall, if necessary and following the conclusions of the report, make appropriate proposals.

Article 6

This Directive shall not apply to the overseas territories of the Member States.

Article 7

Member States shall bring into force the laws, regulations and administrative provisions necessary to comply with this Directive by 31 December 2001 at the latest. They shall forthwith inform the Commission thereof.

When Member States adopt those measures, they shall contain a reference to this Directive or be accompanied by such a reference on the occasion of their official publication. Member States shall determine how such reference is to be made.

Article 8

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

Article 9

This Directive is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 19 January 2001.

*For the European Parliament*  
*The President*  
N.FONTAINE

*For the Council*  
*The President*  
B.RINGHOLM

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<sup>5</sup> OJ C 35, 2.2.2001.