



*European Economic and Social Committee*

**NAT/408**  
**Waste batteries and**  
**accumulators**

Brussels, 9 July 2008

**OPINION**

of the

European Economic and Social Committee

on the

**Proposal for a directive of the European Parliament and of the Council amending  
Directive 2006/66/EC of the European Parliament and the Council on batteries and  
accumulators and waste batteries and accumulators as regards Article 6(2) on placing batteries  
and accumulators on the market**

COM(2008) 211 – 2008/0081 (COD)

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On 22 May 2008 the Council decided to consult the European Economic and Social Committee, under Article 95(1) and Article 251 of the Treaty establishing the European Community, on the

*Proposal for a directive of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Directive 2006/66/EC of the European Parliament and the Council on batteries and accumulators and waste batteries and accumulators as regards Article 6(2) on placing batteries and accumulators on the market*  
COM(2008) 211 – 2008/0081 (COD).

Since the Committee endorses the contents of the proposal and has already set out its views on the subject in its earlier opinion 655/2004-2003/0282 COD, adopted on 28 April 2004\*, it decided, at its 446<sup>th</sup> plenary session of 9 and 10 July (meeting of 9 July), by 138 votes to 1 with 3 abstentions, to issue an opinion endorsing the proposed text and to refer to the position it had taken in the above-mentioned document.

\* EESC opinion on the Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on batteries and accumulators and spent batteries and accumulators, OJ C 117 of 30.04.2004.

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