



European Economic and Social Committee

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Two-wheel motor vehicles –
hand-holds

Brussels, 16 July 2003

OPINION

of the European Economic and Social Committee

on the

**Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council
on passenger hand-holds on two-wheel motor vehicles (Codified Version)**

(COM(2003) 145 final - 2003/0058 (COD))

On 9 April 2003 the Council decided to consult the European Economic and Social Committee, under Article 95 of the Treaty establishing the European Community, on the

Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on passenger hand-holds on two-wheel motor vehicles
(COM(2003) 145 final – 2003/0058 (COD)).

The Section for the Single Market, Production and Consumption, which was responsible for preparing the Committee's work on the subject, adopted its opinion on 25 June 2003. The rapporteur was **Mr Pesci**.

At its 401st plenary session, on 16 July 2003, the European Economic and Social Committee adopted the following opinion by a majority of 112 votes, with three abstentions.

1. The purpose of the proposal is to codifying in a single text all legislative instruments adopted since 1993 on passenger hand-holds on two-wheel motor vehicles.
2. The Committee considers the codification of all texts in a single directive to be very useful. Simplification is of great importance in the context of the single market: failure to simplify could hamper industrial development as a whole, and certainly in the motor vehicle sector. It has been assured that this codification contains no substantial change and its sole purpose is to render Community legislation clear and transparent. The Committee fully endorses this objective and, having received the above-mentioned assurance, welcomes the proposal.

Brussels, 16 July 2003.

The President
of the
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