

Topic: Revision of the Machinery Directive (2006/42/EC)

Brief description and main aims:

The Machinery Directive (2006/42/EC) concerns machinery and certain parts of machinery. Its main intent is to ensure a common safety level in machinery placed on the market or put in service in all EU Member States and to ensure freedom of movement within the EU.

On 21st April 2021, the European Commission proposed to revise this Directive and turn it into a Regulation. The main aims of this revision are to align the new legislative act with EU harmonised legislation on product health and safety; tackle the challenges that may arise from technical progress in digitalisation; and solve divergences in interpretations.

Why FIEC is dealing with this topic:

The well-functioning of the Internal Market for the free movement of products, as well as health and safety aspects on construction work sites are two major issues dealt with by FIEC. The proposed modifications of the legislation might have important impact in terms of responsibility of contractors (versus manufacturers) in case of necessary adaptation of the machines or accidents, for instance.

In general, better cooperation from the manufacturers would be needed regarding the user's manuals, advanced information on the machines, ownership on/ treatment of the generated data, improvement of ergonomics and health and safety of the operators, etc.

In parallel, FIEC is participating in the Machinery Expert Group of the European Commission and provides input and feedback.

Actions and key dates:

30/08/2019 – FIEC contribution to the European Commission public consultation on the revision of the Directive 2006/42/EC on machinery

March 2020 – FIEC contribution in drafting of Opinion of the European Economic and Social Committee (EESC)

15/05/2020 – Publication of [FIEC position paper](#)

08/12/2020 – Publication of [2nd FIEC position paper](#)

21/04/2021 – Publication of European Commission proposal for a new “Machinery Regulation”

06/08/2021 – FIEC contribution to the European Commission public consultation on the proposed new Regulation

05/11/2021 – FIEC amendments' proposals to the European Parliament's draft report (IMCO committee)

28/01/2022 – [FIEC voting recommendations](#) to the European Parliament (IMCO committee)

05/05/2022 – European Parliament (IMCO) adopts its report on the Machinery legislation, including some of the FIEC proposals

24/06/2022 – COUNCIL adopts its General Approach on the Machinery legislation

H2 2022 – trilogue negotiations (ongoing)