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Directive on adequate minimum wages in the EU



DG EMPL

Employment, Social Affairs
and Inclusion



19 October 2022



15 November 2024

Adopted in October 2022 and applicable since November 15, 2024, the objective of this directive is to improve minimum wages.



promote economic and social progress



stimulate productivity improvements



improve working conditions



ensure fair competition

The Directive includes provisions to:



clear criteria for setting and updating statutory minimum wages



inform better and more transparently workers about the statutory minimum wages and collective agreement protections



the statutory minimum wages at least every two years

However, only six countries have transposed it, while preparations are still ongoing in nine member states, and seven others have not even started the process.



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Regulation prohibiting products made with forced labour on the Union market



Alongside the Corporate Sustainability Due Diligence Directive (CSDDD), this regulation aims to prevent products manufactured using forced labour from being placed on the EU market.

To identify possible violations, the Commission and competent national authorities can carry out investigations, considering factors like:

Seriousness of suspected forced labor



Size and economic resources of the economic operators

Complexity of supply chain



Quantity/volume of products on the EU market

An economic operator found to be using forced labor must remove its products from the EU market.



DG TRADE
Trade



27 November 2024



14 December 2027

Few exceptions from 13 December 2024



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New Council Recommendation on smoke- and aerosol-free environments



DG SANTE

Health and Food Security



December 3, 2024

Backed by the EPP, the ECR amended the proposal to make a clear distinction between e-cigarettes & other heated tobacco products and traditional tobacco.



Despite the European Parliament's rejection of the proposal, the Council adopted it, stressing the importance of strengthening public health protections.

However, it is up to the member states to decide whether and how to implement the recommended measures, due to the non-binding nature of the recommendation under EU law.



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