

Directive 2000/14/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 8 May 2000 on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to the noise emission in the environment by equipment for use outdoors

Article 3

Definitions

For the purpose of this Directive the following definitions shall apply:

- (a) 'equipment for use outdoors' means all machinery defined in Article 1(2) of Directive 98/37/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 22 June 1998 on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to machinery⁽¹⁾ which is either self-propelled or can be moved and which, irrespective of the driving element(s), is intended to be used, according to its type, in the open air and which contributes to environmental noise exposure. The use of equipment in an ambience where the transmission of sound is not or not significantly affected (for instance under tents, under roofs for protection against rain or in the shell of houses) is regarded as use in the open air. It also means non-powered equipment for industrial or environmental applications which is intended, according to its type, to be used outdoors and which contributes to environmental noise exposure. All these types of equipment are hereinafter referred to as 'equipment';
- (b) 'conformity assessment procedures' means the procedures laid down in Annexes V to VIII, based on Decision 93/465/EEC;
- (c) 'marking' means the visibly, legibly and indelibly affixing on the equipment of the CE marking defined in Decision 93/465/EEC accompanied by the indication of the guaranteed sound power level;
- (d) 'sound power level L_{WA} ' means the A-weighted sound power in dB in relation to 1 pW as defined in EN ISO 3744:1995 and EN ISO 3746:1995;
- (e) 'measured sound power level' means a sound power level as determined from measurements as laid down in Annex III; measured values may be determined either from a single machine representative for the type of equipment or from the average of a number of machines;
- (f) 'guaranteed sound power level' means a sound power level determined in accordance with the requirements laid down in Annex III which includes the uncertainties due to production variation and measurement procedures and where the manufacturer, or his authorised representative established in the Community, confirms that according to the technical instruments applied and referred to in the technical documentation it is not exceeded.

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- (1) [OJL 207, 23.7.1998, p. 1](#). Directive as amended by Directive 98/79/EC ([OJL 331, 7.12.1998, p. 1](#)).