

Open Public Consultation on an evaluation and possible revision of the Outdoor Noise Directive 2000/14/EC

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Introduction

The European Commission is evaluating the performance of the current legislation on the noise emission in the environment by equipment for use outdoors: the [Outdoor Noise Directive \(OND\) 2000/14/EC](#) (*), covering some 57 types of outdoor machinery, such as those used on construction sites or in parks and gardens.

At the same time, based on the information received so far, it is also considering the possibility to develop a legislative proposal to revise the Directive, taking into consideration the EU legislative framework on health and safety of products in the internal market, and the technical progress and the state of the art in this industrial sector. More information on the possible revision can be found in the [Inception Impact Assessment on the revision of Directive 2000/14/EC](#).

(*) 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 (OJ L 162, 3.7.2000, p.1), as amended by Directive 2005/88/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 14 December 2005 (OJ L 344, 27.12.2005, p. 44) corrected by Corrigendum (OJ L 165, 17.6.2006, p. 35) and by Regulation (EC) No 219/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 March 2009 (OJ L 87, 31.3.2009, p. 109). The list of the relevant national transposing legislation is available in [EUR-Lex](#).

This consultation aims to collect contributions from all interested parties, stakeholders, organisations and citizens in general potentially affected by the Directive on its functioning or by any modifications potentially made to it. Contributions are particularly sought from:

- institutions of national authorities;
- enterprises, business professionals, and business associations or organisations;
- consumer organisations, trade unions, research and academic institutions, and individual citizens.

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* 1 You are welcome to answer the questionnaire in any of the 24 official languages of the EU. Please let us know in which language you are replying:

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- Croatian
- Czech
- Danish
- Dutch
- English
- Estonian
- Finnish
- French
- German
- Greek
- Hungarian
- Irish
- Italian
- Latvian
- Lithuanian
- Maltese
- Polish
- Portuguese
- Romanian
- Slovenian
- Slovak
- Spanish
- Swedish

* 2 You are replying:

- as an individual in your personal capacity
- in your professional capacity or on behalf of an organisation

* 3 First name:

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* 4 Last name:

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* 5 E-mail address:

If you do not have an e-mail address, please write "Not available"

* 6 Country of residence:

- Austria
- Belgium

- Bulgaria
- Croatia
- Cyprus
- Czech Republic
- Denmark
- Estonia
- Finland
- France
- Germany
- Greece
- Hungary
- Ireland
- Italy
- Latvia
- Lithuania
- Luxembourg
- Malta
- Netherlands
- Poland
- Portugal
- Romania
- Slovakia
- Slovenia
- Spain
- Sweden
- United Kingdom
- Other

*7 If "Other", please specify:

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*8 Your contribution,

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- can be published with your personal information** (I consent the publication of all information in my contribution in whole or in part including my name or my organisation's name, and I declare that nothing within my response is unlawful or would infringe the rights of any third party in a manner that would prevent publication)
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*9 Respondent's first name:

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*10 Respondent's last name:

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*11 Respondent's professional e-mail address:

*12 Name of the organisation:

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*13 Postal address of the organisation:

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*14 Type of organisation:

Please select the answer option that fits best.

- Private enterprise
- Professional consultancy, law firm, self-employed consultant
- Trade, business or professional association
- Non-governmental organisation, platform or network
- Research and academia
- Regional or local authority (public or mixed)
- International or national public authority
- Other

*15 If "Other", please specify:

50 character(s) maximum

*16 How many employees does the company have?

- More than 250 employees (Large enterprise)
- Between 50 and 250 employees (Medium-sized enterprise)
- Between 10 and 49 employees (Small enterprise)
- Less than 10 employees (Micro enterprise)
- Self-employed (Micro enterprise)

*17 Please specify the type of organisation:

- Chamber of commerce
- Business organisation
- Trade Union
- Representative of professions or crafts
- Other

* 18 If "Other", please specify:

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* 19 Please specify the type of organisation:

- Think tank
- Research institution
- Academic institution

* 20 Please specify the type of organisation:

- Regional public authority
- Local public authority
- Public-private sub-national organisation
- Network of public sub-national authorities
- Other

* 21 If "Other", please specify:

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* 22 Please specify the type of organisation:

- Intergovernmental organisation
- EU institution, body or agency
- National parliament
- National government
- National public authority or agency

* 23 Is your organisation included in the Transparency Register?

If your organisation is not registered, we invite you to register [here](#), although it is not compulsory to be registered to reply to this consultation. [Why a transparency register?](#)

- Yes
- No
- Not applicable

* 24 If so, please indicate your Register ID number:

20 character(s) maximum

*25 Country of organisation's headquarters:

- Austria
- Belgium
- Bulgaria
- Croatia
- Cyprus
- Czech Republic
- Denmark
- Estonia
- Finland
- France
- Germany
- Greece
- Hungary
- Ireland
- Italy
- Latvia
- Lithuania
- Luxembourg
- Malta
- Netherlands
- Poland
- Portugal
- Romania
- Slovak Republic
- Slovenia
- Spain
- Sweden
- United Kingdom
- Other

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*28 How familiar are you with the Outdoor Noise Directive 2000/14/EC?

- I have detailed knowledge of the Directive, its objectives, the limits and the requirements / obligations that it imposes
- I am aware of the existence of the Directive but not of all its specific contents
- I do not really know the Directive

*29 In which way are you related to the Directive 2000/14/EC and the outdoor equipment that it covers?

- I am a user of outdoor equipment
- I am exposed to noise emissions by outdoor equipment
- Other

*30 If "Other", please specify:

50 character(s) maximum

*31 Which type of enterprise is yours?

- Manufacturing company of outdoor equipment covered by Directive 2000/14/EC
- Rental / lease company of outdoor equipment covered by Directive 2000/14/EC
- Company / entity that uses outdoor equipment covered by Directive 2000/14/EC
- Other

*32 If "Other", please specify:

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*33 Which type of stakeholders does your organisation / association represent?

Multiple choice allowed

- Manufacturing companies of outdoor equipment covered by Directive 2000/14/EC
- Rental / lease companies of outdoor equipment covered by Directive 2000/14/EC
- Companies / entities that use outdoor equipment covered by Directive 2000/14/EC
- Workers
- Consumers / Private users
- Environmental protection
- Other

*34 If "Other", please specify:

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General information

35 Please state the extent to which you agree on the following statements on Directive 2000/14/EC:

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly agree	Do not know / No opinion
* The Directive has ensured harmonisation of rules and procedures across the EU for the covered outdoor equipment	<input type="radio"/>				
* The Directive protects the health and well-being of citizens and the environment, by reducing permissible noise levels of outdoor equipment	<input type="radio"/>				
* The Directive supports adaptation to technical progress for equipment in the scope	<input type="radio"/>				
* The Directive has had an impact on competition from manufacturing companies outside of the EU	<input type="radio"/>				

36 Please explain:

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37 In your opinion, to what extent did Directive 2000/14/EC have effects to any of the following?

	Strong negative effect	Negative effect	No effect	Positive effect	Strong positive effect	Do not know / No opinion
* Research, development and innovation on equipment	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* Noise performance of equipment	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* Level of compliance of equipment / Prevention of non-compliant equipment on the market	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* Information to customers / users	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* Ability of sectorial SMEs to compete in the market	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

38 Please explain:

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39 To what extent do you agree on the following statements?

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly agree	Do not know / No opinion
* By merging previous legislation (7 product and 2 procedure Directives), Directive 2000 /14/EC improved the effectiveness and internal coherence of EU legislation	<input type="radio"/>				
* Directive 2000/14/EC complements other EU legislation / policy	<input type="radio"/>				
* Directive 2000/14/EC complements non-EU / national legislation / policy	<input type="radio"/>				
* There are overlaps / conflicts with other pieces of EU legislation (in terms of requirements, terminology, etc.)	<input type="radio"/>				
* There are overlaps / conflicts with other non-EU / national legislation	<input type="radio"/>				
* The implementation of Directive 2000/14 /EC through national transposition acts was adequate and timely	<input type="radio"/>				

40 Please explain:

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41 To what extent do you agree on the following statements?

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly agree	Do not know / No opinion
* Noise emissions by outdoor equipment subject to noise limits (Article 12) have been reduced thanks to Directive 2000/14/EC	<input type="radio"/>				

<p>* Noise emissions by outdoor equipment subject to noise marking only (Article 13) have been reduced thanks to Directive 2000 /14/EC</p>	<input type="radio"/>				
<p>* Noise emissions by outdoor equipment would have been reduced anyway without the Directive due to technological development and the market itself</p>	<input type="radio"/>				

42 Please explain:

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* 43 In your opinion, does the Directive have effects or impacts that would be unrelated directly to its policy goals (the policy goals of the Directive being: smooth functioning of the EU internal market, protection of health and well-being of citizens and of the environment)?

- Yes
- No
- Do not know / No opinion

* 44 If "Yes", please explain:

500 character(s) maximum

45 According to your experience, which sectors have the largest share of non-compliance with the requirements of the Directive, and what is the share of non-compliant products on the market?

	Very small (<5%)	Fairly small (5-10%)	Relatively small (11-20%)	Fairly significant (21-40%)	Very significant (>40%)	Do not know / No opinion
* Cleaning equipment	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* Construction equipment	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* Gardening equipment	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* Loading and lifting equipment	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* Power generators and cooling equipment	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* Pumping and suction equipment	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* Snowmobiles and snow groomers	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* Waste collection, processing and recycling	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

46 Please explain:

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* 47 Do you think that third party conformity assessment procedures (with the intervention of a notified body) contribute to ensure that only compliant products are placed on the EU/EEA market?

- Not at all. Internal control or production ("self-assessment") should be enough in any case
- To a small or moderate extent. Internal control of production ("self-assessment") should be the most widely applicable conformity assessment procedure
- To a large or very large extent. Internal control of production ("self-assessment") should be used in very few cases only or even removed as a conformity assessment procedure
- Do not know / No opinion

48 Please explain / specify:

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* 49 Do you think that the implementation of the Directive cause excessive administrative burdens (information, collection and reporting of data, etc.)?

- Not at all. The administrative requirements of the Directive are adequate and proportionate
- To a small or moderate extent
- To a large or very large extent. The administrative requirements of the Directive are too heavy and mostly unnecessary
- Do not know / No opinion

50 Please explain / specify:

500 character(s) maximum

Specific information from companies

* 51 What type of equipment does your organisation produce or distribute?

Multiple choice allowed

- Cleaning equipment
- Construction equipment
- Gardening equipment
- Loading and lifting equipment
- Power generators and cooling equipment
- Pumping and suction equipment
- Snowmobiles and snow groomers equipment

- Waste collection, processing and recycling equipment
- Other

*52 If "Other", please specify:

100 character(s) maximum

53 To what extent do you agree on the following statements?

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly agree	Do not know / No opinion
* Ensuring an internal market for outdoor equipment could be achieved at a lower cost with respect to noise reduction efforts	<input type="radio"/>				
* Protecting the health and well-being of citizens and the environment by reducing the noise of outdoor equipment could be achieved at a lower cost	<input type="radio"/>				
* SMEs are disadvantaged by the efforts they have to put into complying with the noise limits set in the Outdoor Noise Directive in comparison to larger enterprises	<input type="radio"/>				
* SMEs are disadvantaged by the need to follow the third party conformity assessment procedure set in the Outdoor Noise Directive in comparison to larger enterprises	<input type="radio"/>				

54 Please explain:

500 character(s) maximum

55 To what extent do you agree on the following statements?

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly agree	Do not know / No opinion
* The improvement in reduction of noise emissions produced by the Directive exceeds its compliance costs to my company	<input type="radio"/>				

* The increase in market opportunities created by harmonised European noise limits exceeds the costs to my company of complying with the Directive	<input type="radio"/>				
* Having the same noise limits across the EU /EEA increased competitiveness and/or market opportunities for my company	<input type="radio"/>				

56 Please explain:

500 character(s) maximum

* 57 In your opinion, are there any specific difficulties / barriers for stakeholders involved, in terms of practical and legal issues, in complying with the Directive?

- Yes
- No
- Do not know / No opinion

* 58 If "Yes", please explain. What type of support could be provided to cope with such difficulties / barriers?

500 character(s) maximum

* 59 What difference does better noise performance (more reduced emissions) make to design and manufacturing costs of equipment?

- No difference
- Increase of costs of between 1% and 20%
- Increase of costs of more than 20%
- Decrease of costs of between 1% and 20%
- Decrease of costs of more than 20%
- Do not know / No opinion

* 60 How the requirements of the Directive have effect in the innovation of equipment?

- No effect
- Negative effect
- Positive effect
- Do not know / No opinion

* 61 What difference does better noise performance (more reduced emissions) make to the final price that your customers pay for equipment?

- No difference
- Increase of price (more expensive for customers) of between 1% and 20%

- Increase of price (more expensive for customers) of more than 20%
- Decrease of price (cheaper for customers) of between 1% and 20%
- Decrease of price (cheaper for customers) of more than 20%
- Do not know / No opinion

* 62 Is information on noise emission level of equipment a criterion offered to and/or required by your customers?

- It is offered and required
- It is offered but not required
- It is not offered but required
- It is neither offered nor required

* 63 Have you developed an internal quality assurance (QA) system to apply the full quality assurance procedure (Annex VIII to the Directive) to Article 12 equipment ?

- Yes
- No

64 Please provide, if possible, an estimation of the following cost indicators:

	Euro	Units / Time
Overall cost of the QA system (excluding cost of conformity assessment) (in €):		
Number of conformity assessments performed over a year:		
Average cost per conformity assessment procedure (in €):		
Average time to process (in weeks):		

65 Please provide, if possible, an estimation of the following cost indicators concerning the conformity assessment procedure(s) that you use the most:

	For Article 12 equipment: Internal control of production with assessment of technical documentation and periodical checking (Annex VI to the Directive)	For Article 12 equipment: Unit verification (Annex VII to the Directive)	For Article 13 equipment: Internal control of production (Annex V to the Directive)
Number of conformity assessments performed over a year			
Average cost per conformity assessment procedure (in €)			
Average time to process (in weeks)			

66 In your opinion, how the conformity assessment procedures of the Directive can be considered with regard to the following aspects?

	Very good	Good	Fair / Neutral	Poor	Very poor	Do not know / No opinion
* Adaptation to technical progress	<input type="radio"/>					
* Implementation, administrative and information burdens	<input type="radio"/>					
* Legal clarity and certainty	<input type="radio"/>					
* Other	<input type="radio"/>					

* 67 If "Other", please specify:

100 character(s) maximum

68 Please explain:

500 character(s) maximum

69 On a scale from 0 to 5 (0: no efficiency; 5: top efficiency), how would you rate the efficiency of the conformity assessment procedures that you use the most, considering the following procedural aspects?

If not used, please indicate N/A

	For Article 12 equipment: Internal control of production with assessment of technical documentation and periodical checking (Annex VI to the Directive)	For Article 12 equipment: Unit verification (Annex VII to the Directive)	For Article 13 equipment: Internal control of production (Annex V to the Directive)
* Technical documentation required			
* Response time			
* Frequency of random checks			
* Test conducted by the notified body			
* Checks of notified bodies on the QA system			

Specific information from users

*70 What type of equipment do you usually buy / use?

Multiple choice allowed

- Cleaning equipment
- Construction equipment
- Gardening equipment
- Loading and lifting equipment
- Power generators and cooling equipment
- Pumping and suction equipment
- Snowmobiles and snow groomers equipment
- Waste collection, processing and recycling equipment
- Other

*71 If "Other", please specify:

100 character(s) maximum

*72 Where do you use such equipment usually?

Multiple choice allowed

- In domestic / residential environment
- In community areas
- In industrial environment
- In construction works
- Other

*73 If "Other", please specify:

100 character(s) maximum

*74 For how long do you usually use this equipment per day?

- Less than 1 h
- Between 1 h and 3 h
- Between 3 h and 5 h
- Between 5 h and 8 h
- More than 8 h

*75 At what time of the day do you usually use this equipment?

- Early morning (05.00 - 08.00)
- During the day (08.00 - 18.00)
- Late evening (18.00 - 22.00)
- Night (22.00 - 05.00)
- All day-and-night long

76 Please rank in order of importance (1st: the most important; 7th: the least important) the features that you consider when buying / renting outdoor equipment:

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th
* Price	<input type="radio"/>						
* Power / strength	<input type="radio"/>						
* Energy efficiency	<input type="radio"/>						
* Safety	<input type="radio"/>						
* Weight	<input type="radio"/>						
* Aesthetics / style	<input type="radio"/>						
* Noise emission level	<input type="radio"/>						
Other	<input type="radio"/>						

* 77 If "Other", please specify:

100 character(s) maximum

78 To what extent do you agree with the following statements?

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly agree	Do not know / No opinion
* I always prefer to buy / rent quieter equipment no matter what is the compromise with other aspects of the product	<input type="radio"/>				
* I am happy to buy / rent quieter equipment as long as it offers similar features / performances to other noisier alternatives	<input type="radio"/>				
* I am happy to buy / rent quieter equipment as long as it is not more expensive of other noisier alternatives	<input type="radio"/>				
* I usually do not consider noise emission levels when buying / renting outdoor equipment	<input type="radio"/>				

* 79 Could you indicate the main reason for not taking noise emission levels into consideration when purchasing / renting outdoor equipment?

Multiple choice allowed

- I just consider the price of equipment
- I just consider other technical performance features or parameters of equipment
- I do not consider noise emission levels as really important
- Other

* 80 If "Other", please specify:

100 character(s) maximum

* 81 How much more would you be prepared to pay for quieter equipment in comparison to comparable, but noisier, alternatives?

- Nothing more (0%)
- A bit more (up to 5%)
- Moderately more (up to 10%)
- Quite a bit more (up to 15%)
- Substantially more (up to 20%)

* 82 To what extent do you consider the noise marking on equipment clear for consumers and users?

- Not at all
- To a small extent
- To a moderate extent
- To a large extent
- To a very large extent

83 Please explain:

500 character(s) maximum

* 84 Where do you look for information with regards to outdoor equipment characteristics?

Multiple choice allowed

- On general internet search engines (Google, Yahoo!, etc.)
- On specialised websites / on-line sectorial communities
- On product comparison websites
- On publications of manufacturing / rental / leasing companies in the internet, media, brochures...
- In specialised magazines
- I usually rely on the advice of shop assistants
- I usually rely on the advice of other experts, users or friends
- Other

* 85 If "Other", please specify:

100 character(s) maximum

* 86 Do you usually find information regarding noise emission levels of outdoor equipment?

- Never or rarely
- Sometimes
- Often
- Always
- Do not look for this information

* 87 Do you think that an EU-wide on-line database of noise emission levels of outdoor equipment would be a useful resource for customers and users to help to select quieter equipment at the time of purchase?

- Yes, it would be a useful resource
- No, there are already other websites offering this type of information for different equipment
- No, this information is already provided by manufacturing / rental / leasing companies with the equipment itself
- No, I would still not consider noise emission levels when buying outdoor equipment
- Do not know / No opinion

88 Please specify:

200 character(s) maximum

* 89 Have you ever received complaints, by your neighbours for example, with regards to the noise produced by your outdoor equipment?

- Never or rarely
- Sometimes
- Often
- Always

90 Could you please explain?

500 character(s) maximum

Specific information from exposed

* 91 Which type of the following activities causing noise from outdoor equipment are you exposed the most to?

Multiple choice allowed

- Industrial noise from outdoor activity (from depots, freight handling, ports...)
- Construction / demolition noise (building sites, land redevelopment...)
- Community noise (cleaning and refuse collection, park and road maintenance, service vehicles, outdoor events services, building maintenance including aerial access platforms, power generation and pumping...)
- Neighbour noise from gardening tools (mowers, chainsaws, leaf blowers, shredders, brush cutters, trimmers...)

Other

*92 If "Other", please specify:

500 character(s) maximum

*93 In which area(s) are you when exposed to noise from outdoor equipment the most?

Multiple choice allowed

- In my domestic / business environment
- In residential / community areas
- Near to industrial sites
- Near to construction / maintenance works
- Other

*94 If "Other", please specify:

200 character(s) maximum

*95 For how long does this kind of activities take place usually?

- Less than 1 h
- Between 1 h and 3 h
- Between 3 h and 5 h
- Between 5 h and 8 h
- More than 8 h

*96 At what time of the day does this kind of activities take place usually?

- Early morning (05.00 - 08.00)
- During the day (08.00 - 18.00)
- Late evening (18.00 - 22.00)
- Night (22.00 - 05.00)
- All day-and-night long

97 Are you aware of cases - without being directly exposed - where outdoor equipment is the cause of significant issues for the following types of noise disturbances?

	None	Less than 10 cases /year	Between 10 and 100 cases /year	Between 100 and 300 cases /year	More than 300 cases /year
* Industrial noise from outdoor activity (from depots, freight handling, ports...)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

* Construction / demolition noise (building sites, land redevelopment...)	<input type="radio"/>				
* Community noise (cleaning and refuse collection, park and road maintenance, service vehicles, outdoor events services, building maintenance including aerial access platforms, power generation and pumping...)	<input type="radio"/>				
* Neighbour noise from gardening tools (mowers, chainsaws, leaf blowers, shredders, brush cutters, trimmers...)	<input type="radio"/>				
Other	<input type="radio"/>				

*98 If "Other", please specify:

500 character(s) maximum

*99 For which equipment type?

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*100 Have you ever complained with authorities about noise disturbance?

- Yes, every time
- Yes, but only when it was really unbearable
- No, never

101 Could you indicate / describe what type of noise disturbance it was?

500 character(s) maximum

Options for change

*102 Would you be in favour of converting Directive 2000/14/EC into a Regulation (which would then be directly and uniformly applicable in each EU/EEA country)?

- Yes
- No
- Do not know / No opinion

103 Please explain:

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104 Directive 2000/14/EC could be aligned to the "[New Legislative Framework](#)" (in particular to [Decision No 768/2008/EC](#)). To what extent would you be in favour of the following changes which would be introduced by such alignment?

	Not at all	To a little extent	To a moderate extent	To a great extent	Do not know / No opinion
* Aligning definitions and terminology to the body of EU legislation on health and safety of products in the internal market	<input type="radio"/>				
* Establishing more specific definitions and obligations on economic operators (manufacturers, authorised representatives, importers and distributors)	<input type="radio"/>				
* Establishing more specific requirements on conformity assessment bodies (notified bodies)	<input type="radio"/>				
* Defining specific procedures on market surveillance	<input type="radio"/>				
* Clarify the meaning, use and protection of CE marking	<input type="radio"/>				

105 Please explain:

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* 106 Do you consider that the scope of Directive 2000/14/EC (in particular, the lists of equipment subject to noise limits and those subject to noise marking only in Articles 12 and 13 respectively) should be modified?

- No. The current scope is appropriate and the lists of equipment are complete and exhaustive
- Yes. The current scope is no longer adequate and the lists of equipment need to be updated
- Do not know / No opinion

107 Could you please provide an estimation of the costs associated to the following options related to modification of the scope of the Directive?

	No difference	Increase of costs of between 1% and 20%	Increase of costs of more than 20%	Decrease of costs of between 1% and 20%	Decrease of costs of more than 20%	Do not know / No opinion
* Removing equipment from the scope of the Directive	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* Moving equipment from Article 12 (noise limits) to Article 13 (noise marking only)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* Moving equipment from Article 13 (noise marking only) to Article 12 (noise limits)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* Adding equipment to the scope in Article 12 (noise limits)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* Adding equipment to the scope in Article 13 (noise marking only)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

* 108 Which kind of costs have you considered?

- Costs related to design and manufacturing of equipment
- Costs related to marketing of equipment
- Costs related to compliance / conformity assessment of equipment
- Costs related to information on equipment
- Costs related to administrative burdens
- Other costs

109 Please explain:

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* 110 Do you consider that the noise limits set by Directive 2000/14/EC should be modified?

- No. The current noise limits are reasonable and achievable, as well as adapted to the state of the art, so there is no need for change
- Yes. The current noise limits need to be updated according to the state of the art, and/or to make them more reasonable and achievable
- Do not know / No opinion

111 Please state the extent to which you agree with the following statements:

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly agree	Do not know / No opinion
* Noise limits should be maintained only for a limited set of equipment	<input type="radio"/>				
* Noise limits should be established also for equipment currently not subject to any limit or to noise marking only	<input type="radio"/>				
* All the noise limits set by the Directive should be made stricter	<input type="radio"/>				
* All the noise limits set by the Directive should be made less strict	<input type="radio"/>				

112 Please explain:

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113 Could you please provide an estimation of the costs associated to the following options related to modification of noise limits?

	No difference	Increase of costs of between 1% and 20%	Increase of costs of more than 20%	Decrease of costs of between 1% and 20%	Decrease of costs of more than 20%	Do not know / No opinion
* More types of equipment to be subject to noise limits	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* Less types of equipment to be subject to noise limits	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* Making noise limits stricter	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* Making noise limits less strict	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

114 Which kind of costs have you considered?

- Costs related to design and manufacturing of equipment
- Costs related to marketing of equipment
- Costs related to compliance / conformity assessment of equipment
- Costs related to information on equipment
- Costs related to administrative burdens
- Other costs

115 Please explain:

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* 116 Would you be in favour of changing the current marking system with a label indicating classes of sound power levels (as, for example, for energy efficiency class)?

- Yes. The current system is not appropriate to provide the necessary and useful information
- No. The current system is appropriate to provide the necessary and useful information
- Do not know / No opinion

117 Please explain:

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* 118 Do you think that changing label would be effective in increasing awareness on noise emission and in driving consumers' choice toward less noisy equipment?

- Not at all
- To a small extent
- To a moderate extent
- To a large extent
- To a very large extent
- Do not know / No opinion

* 119 Directive 2000/14/EC provides for four conformity assessment procedures (Annexes V to VIII). In your opinion, is there any need for change at that respect?

- Yes, by adding more conformity assessment procedures from the modules of [Decision No 768/2008/EC](#) to the current ones
- Yes, removing the conformity assessment procedures involving a third party ("notified body") and keeping the internal control of production procedure only
- Yes, but keeping the same procedures and just aligning them to the modules of [Decision No 768/2008/EC](#)
- No, the conformity assessment procedures are appropriate and should be kept as they are
- Do not know / No opinion

120 Please explain:

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121 Could you please provide an estimation of the costs associated to the following options related to modification of conformity assessment procedures?

	No difference	Increase of costs of between 1% and 20%	Increase of costs of more than 20%	Decrease of costs of between 1% and 20%	Decrease of costs of more than 20%	Do not know / No opinion
* Adding more conformity assessment procedures to the current ones in the Directive	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* Removing the conformity assessment procedures involving a third party ("notified body") and keeping the internal control of production procedure only	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* Keeping the same procedures and just aligning them to the modules of Decision No 768/2008/EC	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

* 122 Which kind of costs have you considered?

- Costs related to design and manufacturing of equipment
- Costs related to marketing of equipment
- Costs related to compliance / conformity assessment of equipment
- Costs related to information on equipment
- Costs related to administrative burdens
- Other costs

123 Please explain:

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* 124 Do you think that the current status and use of standards as methods of measurement of airborne noise in Directive 2000/14/EC (noise test codes) should be modified?

- Yes. The current system is not appropriate to carry out the required measurements with respect to the state of the art
- No. The current system is appropriate to carry out the required measurements
- Do not know / No opinion

* 125 Which kind of modification(s) would you support?

Multiple choice allowed

- Making reference in the legal text to the latest versions of the standards as made available by the relevant international and European standardisation organisations
- Removing references to standards from the legal text and linking the measurement methods to a separate list of standards of compulsory use, to be regularly updated
- Introducing the concept of "harmonised standards" of voluntary use conferring a "presumption of conformity" with the legal requirements, in a similar way as in the Machinery Directive 2006/42/EC
- Other

* 126 If "Other", please specify:

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* 127 Do you think that the current requirements on collection of noise data (Article 16 of Directive 2000/14/EC) should be modified?

- Yes, the current system is not appropriate with respect to the requirements of the Directive
- No, the current system is appropriate and feasible
- Do not know / No opinion

* 128 Which kind of modification(s) would you support?

Multiple choice allowed

- Removing the obligation to send copies of declarations of conformity

- Sending copies of declarations of conformity to the Commission only
- Sending copies of declarations of conformity to Member States only
- Other

* 129 If "Other", please specify:

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131 If you wish to add further information - within the scope of this questionnaire - please feel free to do so here.

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