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OVERVIEW OVER THE PRESENT NOISE REGULATIONS IN THE EU MEMBER STATES

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ABSTRACT

In the last twenty years the noise policy of the European Communities has been mainly related to the reduction of trade barriers. In the framework of this policy, regulations concerning the limitation of noise emissions from various vehicles, machines, and products have been set up. In 1996 the European Commission started a new policy which includes the set up of regulations concerning the noise exposure of the population. This new policy is based on shared responsibility of European, national, regional, and local authorities for the improvement of the noise situation with the member states. For the preparation of such regulations it is useful to evaluate the legislation related to noise exposure in the member states and to compare the approaches for the reduction of noise. In this paper, the results of the investigation for the main sources will be presented.

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