

# Standards

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## MANDATORY NOTIFICATION OF DRAFT NATIONAL REGULATIONS AND STANDARDS

Directive [98/34/EC](#) of the European Parliament and of the Council of 22 June 1998 laying down a procedure for the provision of information in the field of technical standards and regulations

### Objective

Directive 1998/34/EC requires Member States to notify to the Commission draft technical standards and regulations relating to products and information society services. This Directive gives the Commission and the other Member States a delay to examine the compatibility of these drafts with the principles of the EU internal market.

### Relevance for the hospitality industry

The Directive establishes a legislative framework to protect the internal market and avoid the creation of new barriers to trade via national standards and regulations.

### State of progress

Adopted on 22 June 1998.

### Content

The Directive is part of the general legislative framework on which the European standardisation system is based. It provides for the definition of terms such as “technical specification”, “technical regulation” and “standard” as well as the list of recognised European and national standardisation bodies.

The Directive lays down a procedure for the notification to the Commission and other Member States of draft national technical regulations and standards for products and information society services, with a view to avoid the creation of new barriers to trade and to the free movement of goods and information society services.

### HOTREC position

HOTREC would welcome the extension of such notification of new national rules and standards to the area of services. HOTREC has always called for greater transparency in the legislative process at EU level. The same call applies in relation to the adoption of national rules / national standards with a likely impact on the internal market.

### Official references

Directive [98/34/EC](#) of the European Parliament and of the Council of 22 June 1998 laying down a procedure for the provision of information in the field of technical standards and regulations, O.J. L 204 of 21.7.1998

See also:

Directive [2006/123/EC](#) of the European Parliament and of the Council of 12 December 2006 on services in the internal market, O.J. L 376 of 27.12.06

DG Enterprise and Industry [website](#) on standardisation policy

Non-official [consolidated](#) version of Directive 98/34/EC of January 2007