Opinion of the European Economic and Social Committee on the 'Proposal for a directive of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Directive 2006/66/EC of the European Parliament and the Council on batteries and accumulators and waste batteries and accumulators as regards Article 6(2) on placing batteries and accumulators on the market'

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On 22 May 2008 the Council decided to consult the European Economic and Social Committee, under Article 95(1) and Article 251 of the Treaty establishing the European Community, on the

Proposal for a directive of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Directive 2006/66/EC of the European Parliament and the Council on batteries and accumulators and waste batteries and accumulators as regards Article 6(2) on placing batteries and accumulators on the market.

Since the Committee endorses the contents of the proposal and has already set out its views on the subject in its earlier opinion 655/2004-2003/0282 COD, adopted on 28 April 2004 (*), it decided, at its 446th plenary session of 9 and 10 July (meeting of 9 July), by 138 votes to 1 with 3 abstentions, to issue an opinion endorsing the proposed text and to refer to the position it had taken in the above-mentioned document.

Brussels, 9 July 2008.

The President of the European Economic and Social Committee Dimitris DIMITRIADIS

^(*) EESC opinion on the Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on batteries and accumulators and spent batteries and accumulators, OJ C 117 of 30.4.2004.