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END TO THE 48-HOUR OPT OUT

In a landmark ruling, the European Parliament has voted to end the opt-out, meaning UK employees will be limited to working 48 hours a week.

This means that the UK will no longer be allowed to opt out of the maximum 48-hour working week even if a worker agreed to this.

This change is due to be implemented from 2011/2012, although the UK Government intend to try and negotiate further with the EU on the point.

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