

# **Importation of seed: equivalence principle; extending period of application and updating names of third countries and authorities**

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The European Parliament adopted by 558 votes to 7, with 13 abstentions, a legislative resolution on the proposal for a decision of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Council Decision 2003/17/EC by extending its period of application and by updating the names of a third country and of the authorities responsible for the approval and control of the production.

Parliament adopted its position in first reading in accordance with the ordinary legislative procedure. The amendments adopted in plenary are the result of a compromise reached between the European Parliament and the Council.

The amendments aimed at deleting the provisions of Council Decision 2003/17/EC which refer to Council Decision 1999/468/EC laying down the procedures for the exercise of implementing powers conferred on the Commission (old comitology) should be deleted as, in the context of this Decision, their application would be incompatible with the system on delegated and implementing powers introduced by Articles 290 and 291 of the Treaty.