

Food safety: aligning certain acts with the TFEU; powers conferred on the Commission

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The European Parliament adopted by 670 votes to 16, with 10 abstentions, a legislative resolution on the proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Directives 1999/4/EC, 2000/36/EC, 2001/111/EC, 2001/113/EC and 2001/114/EC as regards the powers to be conferred on the Commission.

Parliament adopted its position following the ordinary legislative procedure. The amendments adopted in plenary are the result of a compromise negotiated between the European Parliament and the Council.

The amendments made to the proposal clarify that this Regulation is **limited to aligning the existing conferral of powers on the Commission** under Directives 1999/4/EC, 2000/36/EC, 2001/111/EC, 2001/113/EC and 2001/114/EC to Article 290 TFEU and, where appropriate, to reviewing the scope of those powers.

The amended text states that the **Commission shall be empowered to adopt delegated acts** in order to take into account technical progress and developments in relevant international standards.

The power to adopt delegated acts shall be conferred on the Commission for a period of **five years** from the entry into force of the Regulation. The Commission shall draw up a report in respect of the delegation of power not later than nine months before the end of the five-year period.

The delegation of power shall be tacitly extended for periods of an identical duration, unless the European Parliament or the Council opposes such extension not later than three months before the end of each period.