Equivalence of field inspections carried out and equivalence of seed produced: in Brazil (on fodder plant and cereal seed-producing crops, and of fodder plant and cereal seed); in Moldova (on cereal, vegetable and oil and fibre plant seed-producing crops, and of cereal seed, vegetable seed and oil and fibre plant seed)

2017/0297(COD) - 12/11/2018 - Final act

PURPOSE: to recognise the equivalence of legal requirements and official controls of Brazil and Moldova for the certification of seeds.

LEGISLATIVE ACT: Decision (EU) 2018/1674 of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Council Decision 2003/17/EC as regards the equivalence of field inspections carried out in the Federative Republic of Brazil on fodder plant seed-producing crops and cereal seed-producing crops and on the equivalence of fodder plant seed and cereal seed produced in the Federative Republic of Brazil, and as regards the equivalence of field inspections carried out in the Republic of Moldova on cereal seed-producing crops, vegetable seed-producing crops and oil and fibre plant seed-producing crops and on the equivalence of cereal seed, vegetable seed and oil and fibre plant seed produced in the Republic of Moldova.

CONTENT: the Decision aims to grant equivalence with regard to:

- field inspections carried out in respect of fodder plant seed-producing crops and cereal seed-producing crops in Brazil;

- fodder plant seed and cereal seed produced in Brazil and officially certified by its authorities;

- field inspections carried out in respect of cereal seed-producing crops, vegetable seed-producing crops and oil and fibre plant seed-producing crops in the Republic of Moldova;

- cereal seed, vegetable seed and oil and fibre plant seed produced in the Republic of Moldova and officially certified by its authorities.

The Commission examined the relevant legislation of Brazil, and, based on an audit carried out in 2016 concerning the system of official controls and of certification of fodder plant and cereal seed in Brazil, and its equivalence with Union requirements.

Following the audit carried out in 2016 on the Brazilian and Moldovan official controls and seed certification systems for fodder plants and cereals, as well as their equivalence with EU requirements, it was concluded that field inspections of seed producing crops, sampling, testing and official post-controls of fodder plant and cereal seed are carried out correctly and that the national authorities responsible for the implementation of seed certification in Brazil and Moldova are competent and operating effectively.

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