Marketing of beet seed, fodder plant and cereal seed... Common catalogue of agricultural plant species

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In adopting the report by Mr Graefe zu BARINGDORF (Green Group, D) Parliament approved the Commission proposal while introducing a significant amendment concerning the sampling to be carried out by official inspectors for the examination and certification of seed. The official inspections should be maintained at the current level, namely 10% for self-pollinated crops and 20% for cross- pollinated crops. Parliament provided that the inspectors should be sworn in. In the event of contraventions, whether deliberately or through negligence, of the rules governing official examinations, inspectors should immediately have their recognition as officially licensed inspectors withdrawn by the seed certification authority. Parliament also called for the Commission to undertake, after not more than five years, a detailed evaluation of the simplifications of the certification procedures introduced by the Directive. This evaluation should focus in particular on the possible effects on the quality of the seed.