Vine: marketing of material for the vegetative propagation (amend. Directive 68/193/EEC and repeal. Directive 74/649/EEC)

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The Parliament has adopted the report drafted by Mrs Christa KLASS (EPP/ED, D). However, this text was subject to amendments which intend to take into account new developments such as genetically modified varieties. Moreover, the amendments intend to tighten up various definitions, for example, of "clone" and "genotype". The Parliament has stated that in order to help preserve the biological diversity of vine varieties and the resulting specific regional wine appellations and distinctive-tasting wines typical of individiual regions, not only the term "variety", but also the terms "genotype" and "clone" should be used. This will also help to prevent foreign-based cut-price suppliers, ignoring regional types, and from producing and selling vine propagating material. The report also stipulates that further requirements as regards risk management, labelling, monitoring as appropriate, information to the public and safeguard clause shall be at least equivalent to those laid down in Directive 90/220/EEC.