Basic information

1996/0109(CNS) CNS - Consultation procedure Directive	Procedure completed
Veterinary checks on products entering the Community from third countries Repealed by 2013/0140(COD) **Subject** 3.10.08 Animal health requirements, veterinary legislation and pharmacy	

Key players

European Parliament

Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
ENVI Environment, Public Health and Consumer Protection	OLSSON Karl Erik (ELDR)	23/07/1996

Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
AGRI Agriculture and Rural Development	KINDERMANN Heinz (PSE)	17/06/1996
BUDG Budgets		
JURI Legal Affairs, Citizens' Rights	GEBHARDT Evelyne (PSE)	19/12/1996
PECH Fisheries		

Council of the European Union

Council configuration	Meetings	Date
Agriculture and Fisheries	2061	1997-12-15
Fisheries	2063	1997-12-18

Key events

Date	Event	Reference	Summary
20/05/1996	Legislative proposal published	COM(1996)0170	Summary
17/06/1996	Committee referral announced in Parliament		

05/02/1997	Vote in committee		
05/02/1997	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A4-0033/1997	
27/06/1997	Modified legislative proposal published	COM(1997)0321	Summary
18/12/1997	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		
18/12/1997	End of procedure in Parliament		
30/01/1998	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information

Procedure reference	1996/0109(CNS)
Procedure type	CNS - Consultation procedure
Procedure subtype	Legislation
Legislative instrument	Directive
Amendments and repeals	Repealed by 2013/0140(COD)
Legal basis	EC Treaty (before Amsterdam) E 100A
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed

Documentation gateway

European Parliament

Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		A4-0033/1997 OJ C 085 17.03.1997, p. 0004	05/02/1997	
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		T4-0047/1997 OJ C 085 17.03.1997, p. 0056-0072	19/02/1997	Summary

European Commission

Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
Legislative proposal	COM(1996)0170	20/05/1996	Summary
Modified legislative proposal	COM(1997)0321	27/06/1997	Summary

Other institutions and bodies

Institution/body	Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
EESC	Economic and Social Committee: opinion, report	CES1395/1996 OJ C 066 03.03.1997, p. 0042	27/11/1996	Summary

Additional information		
Source	**Document**	**Date**
European Commission	EUR-Lex	

Final act	
Directive 1997/0078 OJ L 024 30.01.1998, p. 0009	Summary

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1996/0109(CNS) - 27/06/1997 - Modified legislative proposal

The European Commission amended its proposal in the light of the European Parliament's opinion. The amendments seek to: - clarify the text; - provide a more flexible approach to sanctions; - provide for Article 100A of the Treaty to be used as the legal basis rather than Article 43.

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1996/0109(CNS) - 18/12/1997 - Final act

OBJECTIVE: to lay down common principles governing the organization of veterinary checks and the movement within the Community of products of animal origin from third countries. COMMUNITY MEASURE: Council Directive 97/78/EC. CONTENT: the directive lays down common rules governing the veterinary controls to be carried out by Member States on products of animal and origin and crop products entering the Community from third countries. It seeks to prevent the spread of contagious diseases by harmonizing the measures needed to protect the health of persons and animals and regulate the problem of the measures to be taken in the event that findings are made during controls. ENTRY INTO FORCE: 19 February 1998 DEADLINE FOR TRANSPOSITION: 1 July 1999.

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1996/0109(CNS) - 19/02/1997 - Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading

In adopting the report by Mr Karl-Erik OLSSON (ELDR, S) Parliament amended the Commission proposal simplifying the procedures for veterinary checks on imports of animals from third countries. It called for the proposal to be based on Article 100a (internal market) and Article 189b of the EC Treaty (codecision procedure) rather than Article 43 of the EC Treaty (agriculture, consultation procedure). The report required that on entry into the Community, products conforming to Community standards and those which do not are to be stored in separate places and marked accordingly. Also, physical checks carried out exceptionally where there may be a risk to public or animal health, or when irregularities are suspected, may take place at an approved border inspection post on each occasion. Parliament also called for the Commission to be assisted by the standing veterinary committee set up by Council Decision 68/361/EEC and for the committee to meet as a rule in public, unless a specific decision is taken to the contrary. Lastly, the report proposed that the new system should be put in place from 1 January 1998 rather than 1 January 1997 to allow Member States to adapt their information system.

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1996/0109(CNS) - 20/05/1996 - Legislative proposal

OBJECTIVE: the proposal for a Council directive aims to lay down common principles governing the organisation of veterinary checks and the movement within the Community of products of animal origin from third countries. CONTENT: since the entry into force of Directive 90/675/EEC, experience has been gained and developments have taken place with regard to its implementation which, together with reasons of transparency, make the following modifications necessary: - for all products of animal origin imported from third countries, a single checking regime should be applied and all unnecessary provisions concerning bilateral agreements should be abolished; - in the new system of veterinary checks, the separate identity check should be abolished since only a documentary and a physical check need to be carried out; - for products arriving at the Community border without having the Community as a final destination, strict rules must ensure that these products leave the Community; - measures need to be laid down for consignments which have been brought into the Community without being presented for veterinary checks and for the re-entry of Community consignments refused by a third country.

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Whilst welcoming the Commission proposal, the Committee feels that, without explicitly referring to customs rules, the directive should clearly state the responsibilities of customs and the relationship between their activities and those of veterinary authorities. The ESC also feels that the directive should expressly require cooperation between the two authorities and that exclusive responsibility for the supervision of free zones, free warehouses and customs warehouses be assigned to the relevant customs authorities rather than to the veterinary authorities, as envisaged in the proposal. The Committee calls for the rapid consolidation of the existing rules, in the interests of clarity and comprehensibility.