Basic information

1997/0217(CNS) CNS - Consultation procedure Directive	Procedure completed
Marketing of beet seed, fodder plant and cereal seed... Common catalogue of agricultural plant species **Subject** 3.10.06 Crop products in general, floriculture	

Key players

European Parliament

Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
AGRI Agriculture and Rural Development	GRAEFE ZU BARINGDORF Friedrich-Wilhelm (V)	24/09/1997

Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
ENVI Environment, Public Health and Consumer Protection	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	

Council of the European Union

Council configuration	Meetings	Date
Agriculture and Fisheries	2151	1998-12-14
Agriculture and Fisheries	2137	1998-11-23

Key events

Date	Event	Reference	Summary
25/07/1997	Legislative proposal published	COM(1997)0403	Summary
19/09/1997	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
16/04/1998	Vote in committee		Summary
16/04/1998	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A4-0128/1998	
14/05/1998	Debate in Parliament		
07/08/1998	Modified legislative proposal published	COM(1998)0499	Summary
14/12/1998	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		
14/12/1998	End of procedure in Parliament		

01/02/1999	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information

Procedure reference	1997/0217(CNS)
Procedure type	CNS - Consultation procedure
Procedure subtype	Legislation
Legislative instrument	Directive
Legal basis	EC Treaty (before Amsterdam) E 043
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	AGRI/4/09282

Documentation gateway

European Parliament

Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		A4-0128/1998 OJ C 152 18.05.1998, p. 0004	16/04/1998	
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		T4-0302/1998 OJ C 167 01.06.1998, p. 0289-0302	15/05/1998	Summary

European Commission

Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
Legislative proposal	COM(1997)0403 OJ C 289 24.09.1997, p. 0006	25/07/1997	Summary
Modified legislative proposal	COM(1998)0499 OJ C 305 03.10.1998, p. 0008	07/08/1998	Summary

Other institutions and bodies

Institution/body	Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
EESC	Economic and Social Committee: opinion, report	CES1385/1997 OJ C 073 09.03.1998, p. 0045	10/12/1997	Summary

Additional information

Source	Document	Date
European Commission	EUR-Lex	

Final act

Directive 1998/0096
OJ L 025 01.02.1999, p. 0027 Summary

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1997/0217(CNS) - 07/08/1998 - Modified legislative proposal

Following the opinion delivered by the European Parliament on 15.05.1998, the Commission presented an amended proposal incorporating, in a slightly modified form, all the amendments adopted by Parliament. The amendments concerned: -the qualifications of the inspectors carrying out examinations, -the type of examination to be carried out and the means to be used, -the procedures to be adopted where certification is inadequate (i. e. has been performed by inspectors who did not respect the rules governing official inspections).

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1997/0217(CNS) - 25/07/1997 - Legislative proposal

OBJECTIVE: to amend Directives 66/400/EEC, 66/402/EEC, 66/403/EEC, 69/208/EEC, 70/457/EEC and 70/458/EEC on the marketing of beet seed, fodder plant seed, cereal seed, seed potatoes, seed of oil and fibre plants and vegetable seeds and on the common catalogue of varieties of agricultural plant species. CONTENT: the directives to be amended provide for the organization of temporary experiments at Community level with a view to finding the best solution for replacing certain aspects of the certification systems adopted. The results of one experiment organized by the European Commission in 1989 demonstrated that, in certain cases, official certification procedures could by simplified if examinations were carried out by inspectors other than those instructed to conduct official inspections by the seed certification authority. This proposal therefore amends the directives in question by stipulating that examinations may be carried out officially or under official control. It also widens the scope of the organization of temporary experiments by stipulating that experiments may be conducted with a view to finding the best solution for replacing certain provisions of the directives in question. It introduces a legal basis for these experiments in Directive 66/403/EEC and facilitates the addition of new species to the list of species contained in the directives. It also introduces rules relating to the eligibility of variety denominations in directives 70/457/EEC and 70/458 /EEC.

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1997/0217(CNS) - 10/12/1997 - Economic and Social Committee: opinion, report

The Committee supports the Commission proposal. Inspection in the field is one of the key monitoring procedures in the certification system. Such inspection on both an official and unofficial basis must operate under objective, independent conditions that ensure consistently reliable results. The findings of inspections carried out by unofficial inspectors must be confirmed by the competent authorities.

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1997/0217(CNS) - 14/12/1998 - Final act

PURPOSE: to simplify the official certification procedures for seeds. COMMUNITY MEASURE: Council Directive 98/96/EC amending, inter alia, as regards unofficial field inspections under Directives §§/400/EEC, 66/401/EEC, 69/208/EEC and 70/458/EEC on the marketing of beet seed, fodder plant seed, cereal seed, seed potatoes, seed of oil and fibre plants and vegetable seed and on the common catalogue of varieties of agricultural plant species. CONTENT: The Council adopted a modification - among other things with respect to unofficial field inspections - under Directives 66/400 /EEC, 66/402/EEC, 66/403/EEC, 69/208/EEC, 70/457/EEC and 70/458/EEC concerning the marketing of beet seed, fodder plant seed, cereal seed, seed potatoes, seed of oil and fibre plants and vegetable seed and on the common catalogue of varieties of agricultural plant species. This modification simplifies the official certification procedures and updates these Directives in the light of new scientific and technical progress in the field.

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1997/0217(CNS) - 15/05/1998 - Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading

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.