Basic information

1998/0811(CNS) CNS - Consultation procedure Regulation	Procedure completed
Foodstuffs produced from GMOs : compulsory indication on the labelling **Subject** 3.10.09.06 Agro-genetics, GMOs 4.60.02 Consumer information, advertising, labelling	

Key players

European Parliament

Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
ENVI Environment, Public Health and Consumer Protection	COLLINS Kenneth D. (PSE)	16/04/1998

Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
AGRI Agriculture and Rural Development		

Council of the European Union

Council configuration	Meetings	Date
Competitiveness (Internal Market, Industry, Research and Space)	2094	1998-05-18
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Agriculture and Fisheries	2098	1998-05-26

Key events

Date	Event	Reference	Summary
25/02/1998	Legislative proposal published	COM(1998)0099	Summary
29/04/1998	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
11/05/1998	Vote in committee		
11/05/1998	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A4-0181/1998	
13/05/1998	Debate in Parliament		
18/05/1998	Debate in Council		
26/05/1998	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		
26/05/1998	End of procedure in Parliament		

03/06/1998	Final act published in Official Journal		
26/02/2001	Debate in Council		Summary

Technical information

Procedure reference	1998/0811(CNS)
Procedure type	CNS - Consultation procedure
Procedure subtype	Legislation
Legislative instrument	Regulation
Legal basis	EC Treaty (before Amsterdam) E 000
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	ENVI/4/09996

Documentation gateway

European Parliament

Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		A4-0181/1998 OJ C 167 01.06.1998, p. 0012	11/05/1998	
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		T4-0279/1998 OJ C 167 01.06.1998, p. 0172-0189	14/05/1998	Summary

European Commission

Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
Legislative proposal	COM(1998)0099	25/02/1998	Summary

Additional information

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Final act

Regulation 1998/1139
OJ L 159 03.06.1998, p. 0004 Summary

Foodstuffs produced from GMOs : compulsory indication on the labelling

1998/0811(CNS) - 26/05/1998 - Final act

OBJECTIVE: to make it compulsory to indicate on the labelling of certain foodstuffs produced from genetically modified organisms information other than that provided for by Directive 79/112/EEC. COMMUNITY MEASURE: Council Regulation (EC) No 1139/98. SUBSTANCE: the Regulation applies to foods and food ingredients which are to be delivered as such to the final consumer produced in whole or in part from: - genetically modified soya beans covered by Decision 96/281/EC, - genetically modified maize covered by Decision 97/28/EC. These foods are subject to additional labelling requirements laid down in this Regulation. However, the requirements do not apply to foods which contain neither protein nor DNA resulting from genetic modification. A list of products not subject to the additional labelling requirements will be drawn up, taking account of technical developments, the opinion of the Scientific Committee on Food and any other relevant scientific advice. ENTRY INTO FORCE: 03/09/1998.

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1998/0811(CNS) - 26/02/2001

At the request of the Italian delegation, the Council discussed the question of interim measures requiring the labelling of animal feed containing genetically modified plant products as from July 2001 at the latest. It was underlined that there is an agreement that common rules for GMO labelling of feeds should be provided without delay. It also urged the Commission to speed up work on presenting a proposal.

Foodstuffs produced from GMOs : compulsory indication on the labelling

1998/0811(CNS) - 14/05/1998 - Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading

In adopting the report by Mr Kenneth D. COLLINS (PSE, UK) Parliament approved the proposal for a regulation subject to 11 amendments which sought to: - allow tests to be carried out to establish the presence of protein. If genetically modified proteins are detected this should be indicated; - eliminate the ambiguities in labelling. If protein or DNA resulting from genetic modification are detected this should be indicated; - stipulate that in the event of chance contamination a minimum threshold of genetically modified ingredients must be present before it is compulsory to indicate them; - call for similar provisions to be applied for all novel foods. Finally Parliament hoped that the Commission would invite the Scientific Committee for Food to examine before 31 December 1998 the practicality of setting a de minimis threshold for modified protein or DNA below which a product would be considered to be unmodified and if necessary to forward appropriate proposals.

Foodstuffs produced from GMOs : compulsory indication on the labelling

1998/0811(CNS) - 25/02/1998 - Legislative proposal

OBJECTIVE: to make it compulsory to indicate on the labelling of certain foodstuffs produced from genetically modified organisms particulars other than those provided for in Directive 79/112/EEC. SUBSTANCE: the proposal for a Regulation applies to foods and food ingredients which are to be delivered as such to the final consumer produced, in whole or in part, from: - genetically modified soya beans covered by Decision 96/281/EC; - genetically modified maize covered by Decision 97/28/EC. It is proposed that the above foodstuffs be subject to additional labelling requirements.