Basic information

2002/0066(CNS) CNS - Consultation procedure Regulation	Procedure completed
Agricultural products and foodstuffs: designation of origin, geographical indication (amend. Regulation (EEC) No 2081/92) **Subject** 3.10.03 Marketing and trade of agricultural products and livestock	

Key players

European Parliament

Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
AGRI Agriculture and Rural Development	FRUTEAU Jean-Claude (PSE)	17/04/2002

Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
JURI Legal Affairs and Internal Market	FERRI Enrico (PPE-DE)	16/04/2002
ENVI Environment, Public Health, Consumer Policy	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	

Council of the European Union

Council configuration	Meetings	Date
Agriculture and Fisheries	2500	2003-04-08
Agriculture and Fisheries	2428	2002-05-27

European Commission

Commission DG	Commissioner
Agriculture and Rural Development	

Key events

Date	Event	Reference	Summary
15/03/2002	Legislative proposal published	COM(2002)0139	Summary
24/04/2002	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
27/05/2002	Debate in Council		

05/11/2002	Vote in committee		Summary
05/11/2002	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A5-0375/2002	
05/12/2002	Decision by Parliament	T5-0580/2002	Summary
08/04/2003	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		
08/04/2003	End of procedure in Parliament		
17/04/2003	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information

Procedure reference	2002/0066(CNS)
Procedure type	CNS - Consultation procedure
Procedure subtype	Legislation
Legislative instrument	Regulation
Legal basis	EC Treaty (after Amsterdam) EC 037
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	AGRI/5/16055

Documentation gateway

European Parliament

Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		A5-0375/2002	05/11/2002	
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		T5-0580/2002 OJ C 027 30.01.2004, p. 0024-0099 E	05/12/2002	Summary

European Commission

Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
Legislative proposal	COM(2002)0139 OJ C 181 30.07.2002, p. 0275 E	15/03/2002	Summary

Other institutions and bodies

Institution/body	Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
EESC	Economic and Social Committee: opinion, report	CES0845/2002	17/07/2002	

Additional information

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Final act
Regulation 2003/0692 OJ L 099 17.04.2003, p. 0001-0007 Summary

Agricultural products and foodstuffs: designation of origin, geographical indication (amend. Regulation (EEC) No 2081/92)

2002/0066(CNS) - 05/12/2002 - Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading

The European Parliament adopted a resolution drafted by Jean-Claude FRUTEAU (PES, France) and amended the Commission's proposal. (Please refer to the document dated 5/11/02.) Parliament also made the following amendment: - if the application concerns a name that also indicates a border geographical area, or a traditional name connected with that geographical area situated in a Member State, the third country to which the application is made must consult the Member state in question. If the groups agree on an overall solution, the countries concerned may submit a joint application for registration.

Agricultural products and foodstuffs: designation of origin, geographical indication (amend. Regulation (EEC) No 2081/92)

2002/0066(CNS) - 15/03/2002 - Legislative proposal

PURPOSE: To update Community legislation on the protection of geographical indications and designations of origin for agricultural products and foodstuffs. CONTENT: In 1992 the European Union set up legally binding provisions for the protection of agricultural and/or foodstuffs relating to a particular region. It gives producers the opportunity to have the geographical names of products protected at Community level by means of registration. It does not cover wines and spirits which are already covered by other Community legislation. One of the fundamental purposes of this legislation is to protect producers and consumers from imitations that misuse geographical names. The WTO gives similar weight to this matter under the Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights (TRIPS). It is proposed that the 1992 Directive (No 2081/92/EEC) be updated in the following manner: - To include wine vinegar within the scope of the Directive's provisions. Currently, it is neither covered by Directive 2081/92 nor legislation protection for wines and spirits. - To remove mineral and spring waters from the register of geographical indications and designations of origin. - To clarify the rules on homonyms. - To extend the application of an objection procedure to nationals of WTO member countries. - Enhanced provisions in cases where a PDO or PGI holder wishes to cancel their registration. - To apply the same rules of the Regulation to agricultural products or foodstuffs originating in a third country, without prejudice to international agreements. - To introduce changes concerning the date of registration to bring the Regulation in line with the TRIPS Agreement. - To delete the simplified procedure on the grounds that it does not offer a right of objection. - To make minor changes to standard EN 45011 applying to inspection bodies. - To ensure that cancelled registrations are published as a Decision.

Agricultural products and foodstuffs: designation of origin, geographical indication (amend. Regulation (EEC) No 2081/92)

2002/0066(CNS) - 08/04/2003 - Final act

PURPOSE : to amend Regulation 2081/92/EEC on the protection of geographical indications and designations of origin for agricultural products and foodstuffs. COMMUNITY MEASURE : Council Regulation 692/2003/EC. CONTENT : the Council adopted this Regulation by qualified majority, the Danish delegation voting against and the United Kingdom delegation abstaining. The Regulation includes wine vinegar within the scope of its provisions. It excludes from its scope mineral and spring waters after a transitional period of ten years - instead of five years in the initial proposal - with a progressive phasing out. It includes new products such as mustard, pasta, wool, and wicker and set provisions to end the coexistence between a registered designation and an identical geographical name after a fifteen years period. Producer groups now have the ability to indicate in their product specifications that packaging shall take place solely in the defined geographical area. At the request of the Italian delegation, a statement is added regarding the risk of conflict between rules for the registration of plant varieties and those relating to geographical indications and designations of origin. ENTRY INTO FORCE : 24/04/03.