Basic information

2002/0232(CNS) CNS - Consultation procedure Directive	Procedure completed
Marketing of seeds, propagating and planting materials: Community comparative tests and trials Amending Directive 2002/56/EC 1995/0302(CNS) Amending Directive 2002/57/EC 1995/0304(CNS) Amending Directive 98/56/EC 1997/0367(CNS) Amending Directive 2002/55/EC 2001/0108(CNS) Amending Directive 2002/54/EC 2001/0147(CNS) **Subject** 3.10.03 Marketing and trade of agricultural products and livestock 3.10.06.01 Fruit, citrus fruits 3.10.06.02 Vegetables 3.10.06.03 Cereals, rice 3.10.06.04 Fodder plants	

Key players

European Parliament

Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
AGRI Agriculture and Rural Development	AUROI Danielle (V/ALE)	05/11/2002

Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
BUDG Budgets	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	

Council of the European Union

Council configuration	Meetings	Date
Agriculture and Fisheries	2516	2003-05-26

European Commission

Commission DG	Commissioner
Health and Food Safety	

Key events

Date	Event	Reference	Summary
25/09/2002	Legislative proposal published	COM(2002)0523	Summary

10/10/2002	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
19/03/2003	Vote in committee		Summary
19/03/2003	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A5-0078/2003	
09/04/2003	Debate in Parliament		
10/04/2003	Decision by Parliament	T5-0185/2003	Summary
26/05/2003	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		
18/06/2003	End of procedure in Parliament		
03/07/2003	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information

Procedure reference	2002/0232(CNS)
Procedure type	CNS - Consultation procedure
Procedure subtype	Legislation
Legislative instrument	Directive
Amendments and repeals	Amending Directive 2002/56/EC 1995/0302(CNS) Amending Directive 2002/57/EC 1995/0304(CNS) Amending Directive 98/56/EC 1997/0367(CNS) Amending Directive 2002/55/EC 2001/0108(CNS) Amending Directive 2002/54/EC 2001/0147(CNS)
Legal basis	EC Treaty (after Amsterdam) EC 037
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	AGRI/5/16772

Documentation gateway

European Parliament

Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		A5-0078/2003	19/03/2003	
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		T5-0185/2003 OJ C 064 12.03.2004, p. 0392-0577 E	10/04/2003	Summary

European Commission

Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
Legislative proposal	COM(2002)0523 OJ C 020 28.01.2003, p. 0208 E	25/09/2002	Summary

Other institutions and bodies

Institution/body	Document type	Reference	Date	Summary

EESC	Economic and Social Committee: opinion, report	CES1360/2002 OJ C 085 08.04.2003, p. 0043-0043	11/12/2002	

Additional information		
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Final act	
Directive 2003/0061 OJ L 165 03.07.2003, p. 0023-0028	Summary

Marketing of seeds, propagating and planting materials: Community comparative tests and trials

2002/0232(CNS) - 25/09/2002 - Legislative proposal

PURPOSE : to present a Proposal for a Council Directive amending Directives 66/401/EEC on the marketing of fodder plant seed, 66/402/EEC on the marketing of cereal seed, 68/193/EEC on the marketing of material for the vegetative propagation of the vine, 92/33/EEC on the marketing of vegetable propagating and planting material, other than seed, 92/34/EEC on the marketing of propagating and planting material of fruit plants, 98/56/EC on the marketing of propagating material of ornamental plants, 2002/54/EC on the marketing of beet seed, 2002/55/EC on the marketing of vegetable seed, 2002/56/EC on the marketing of seed potatoes and 2002/57/EC on the marketing of seed of oil and fibre plants as regards Community comparative tests and trials. CONTENT : in the past 25 years Community comparative tests and trials have been carried out for agricultural crops as cereals, potatoes, fodder and oil and fibre plants on the basis of the relevant legislation. In the last years new legislation on the marketing of propagating material of fruit, vegetables and ornamental plants laying down, inter alia, detailed rules for Community comparative tests and trials, increased the size of the exercise. This post control system on seed and propagating material marketed in the Community is recognised as a very important tool for the harmonisation of marketing by Member States. The above tests and trials were executed thanks to a Community financial contribution. In the interest of transparency a clear legal basis for this financial contribution is needed and provisions for Community financial measures for carrying out the Community comparative tests and trials, which involve compulsory Community budget expenditure should therefore be made.

Marketing of seeds, propagating and planting materials: Community comparative tests and trials

2002/0232(CNS) - 18/06/2003 - Final act

PURPOSE : on comparative tests and trials for certain seeds and species of plants. LEGISLATIVE ACT : Council Directive 2003/61/EC amending Directives 66/401/EEC on the marketing of fodder plant seed, 66/402/EEC on the marketing of cereal seed, 68/193/EEC on the marketing of material for the vegetative propagation of the vine, 92/33/EEC on the marketing of vegetable propagating and planting material, other than seed, 92/34/EEC on the marketing of propagating and planting material of fruit plants, 98/56/EC on the marketing of propagating material of ornamental plants, 2002/54/EC on the marketing of beet seed, 2002/55/EC on the marketing of vegetable seed, 2002/56/EC on the marketing of seed potatoes and 2002/57/EC on the marketing of seed of oil and fibre plants as regards Community comparative tests and trials. CONTENT : the Commission is required to ensure that, in appropriate cases, arrangements for coordinating, carrying out and inspecting the Community comparative tests and trials are made in accordance with the procedures laid down in the above-mentioned Directives. These necessary arrangements implied in the past years that a Community contribution for the execution of the above Community comparative tests and trials had been decided. The key points of this Directive are as follows: - this directive ensures that tests and trials are organised for species and under conditions listed by Directives irrespective whether the provisions are mandatory or discretionary. The tests and trials will cover in particular seed and propagating material harvested in third countries, seed and propagating material suitable for organic farming and seed and propagating material marketed in relation to the conservation in situ and the sustainable use of plant genetic resources. - furthermore, the directive harmonises the drafting of the relevant articles of the above Directives. - in the interest of transparency a clear legal basis for the Community financial contribution is needed. Provisions are therefore made here for Community financial measures for carrying out the Community comparative tests and trials, which involve compulsory Community budget expenditure. DATE OF TRANSPOSITION : 10/10/03. ENTRY INTO FORCE : 10/07/03.

Marketing of seeds, propagating and planting materials: Community comparative tests and trials

2002/0232(CNS) - 10/04/2003 - Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading

The European Parliament adopted the report Danielle AUROI (Greens/EFA, F) subject to several amendments. The Parliament believes that the comparative tests funded by the Union must not be limited to the species and varieties of certified seed and plants included in the Union's common catalogue. Conservation varieties and seed originating in organic farming may also benefit from these tests. In addition, the Parliament is of the opinion that theissues surrounding GMO contamination must be addressed in the context of the directives on the marketing of plants and seeds and cannot be dealt with under the committee procedure, which excludes the European Parliament from all debate, and prevents it from making proposals, on this sensitive matter. Parliament believes that seed marketed for use in organic farming must be tested in an environment specific to that type of farming and be given more funding. Such seed must be free of all traces of GMOs and pesticides and therefore calls for special tests. Morever, parliament states that the 'conservation' types and varieties referred to in Directive 98/95/EC must be defined and tested in order to be marketed in accordance with specific criteria and require an implementing regulation. In addition, the problem of farm seed must be resolved by giving flexibility to farmers and selectors in accordance with established contracts and needs of farmers. In order to support biodiversity, additional efforts should be made. These include: - Member States should increase their contributions and step up their long-term commitments as regards conservation of genetic resources at national and international levels; - Member States should step up their financial support and their commitment as regards all non-institutional agricultural research into enhancement of plants and genetic resource conservation on the farm; they should also step up their support for NGOs working in this area; - Member States should recognise the complementarity of ex situ and in situ conversation strategies. Both methods are essential for conservation of germoplasm for future generations; they need increased assistance, in particular for in situ or on-farm conservation; - Member States should lay down measures intended to promote and step up farmer-based and farmer-led science, including 'participatory plant breeding' as defined by the FAO; - Member States should give a legal undertaking to acknowledge the collective rights of communities and their knowledge concerning local genetic resources. They should acknowledge the traditional practices of those communities when they have developed certain genetic resources. Member States should ensure, in this connection, that there is effective application of Directive 98/95/EC, in respect of 'amateur' varieties.