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Key players				
European Parliament	Committee responsible		Rapporteur	Appointed
	 Agriculture and Rural Development		DAUL Joseph (PPE-DE)	25/11/2003
	Committee for opinion		Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
	 Legal Affairs and Internal Market		MEDINA ORTEGA Manuel (PSE)	01/12/2003
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	Justice and Home Affairs (JHA)		2579	2004-04-29
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	Health and Food Safety			

Key events			
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11/11/2003	Legislative proposal published	COM(2003)0456 	Summary
03/12/2003	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
16/12/2003	Vote in committee		Summary
16/12/2003	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A5-0482/2003	
13/01/2004	Decision by Parliament	T5-0001/2004	Summary
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30/04/2004	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information	
Procedure reference	2003/0161(CNS)
Procedure type	CNS - Consultation procedure
Procedure subtype	Legislation
Legislative instrument	Regulation
Amendments and repeals	Amending Regulation (EC) No 2100/94 1990/1021(CNS)
Legal basis	EC Treaty (after Amsterdam) EC 308 Rules of Procedure EP 52-p1
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	AGRI/5/20348

Documentation gateway				
European Parliament				
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Community plant variety rights: compulsory licencing

2003/0161(CNS) - 29/04/2004 - Final act

PURPOSE : to amend the rules on compulsory licences with regard to plant variety rights. **LEGISLATIVE ACT** : Council Regulation 873/2004/EC amending Regulation 2100/94/EC on Community plant variety rights. **CONTENT** : Council Regulation 2100/94/EC creates a Community regime for plant varieties, co-existing with national regimes, which allows for the grant of industrial property rights, valid throughout the Community (Community plant variety rights). The Community Plant Variety Office (the Office) carries out the implementation and application of this regime. Only the Office is entitled to grant a compulsory licence for a plant variety which is protected by a Community plant variety right. and content as the current term "compulsory exploitation right". The Community's legal framework for the protection of biotechnological inventions, established in Directive 98/44/EC lays down in Article 12 rules for the grant of non-exclusive compulsory licences where protected plant varieties, including Community plant varieties, incorporate patented inventions, and vice versa. Article 29 of Regulation 2100/94/EC, while providing in general for the grant of compulsory licences for Community plant varieties on grounds of public interest, does not expressly refer to the licences to be provided in accordance with Article 12 of Directive 98/44/EC. Considering the need to ensure transparency and coherence of the system of compulsory cross-licencing this Regulation amends the rules established by Regulation 2100/94/EC, making express reference and setting out the specific conditions relating to compulsory licences provided for in Directive 98/44/EC. Considering the national scope of the protection for biotechnological inventions according to Directive 98/44/EC the Regulation ensures that the national patent holder be granted a cross-licence for a plant variety right only in the Member State(s) where he/she can claim a patent for a biotechnological invention. **ENTRY INTO FORCE** : 20/05/04.

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2003/0161(CNS) - 13/01/2004 - Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading

The European Parliament adopted a resolution drafted by Joseph DAUL (EPP-ED, France) approving the proposal.

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2003/0161(CNS) - 11/11/2003 - Legislative proposal

PURPOSE : to amend Regulation 2100/94/EC on Community plant variety rights. **PROPOSED ACT** : Council Regulation. **CONTENT** : article 29 of Regulation 2100/94/EC on Community Plant Variety Rights is inconsistent with Article 12 of the Biotechnology Patents Directive 98/44/EC on the legal protection of biotechnological inventions. The proposed amendment to Regulation 2100/94/EC will resolve this inconsistency. It will provide coherence of the system of compulsory cross-licencing provided for by Regulation 2100/94/EC on Community plant variety rights and Directive 98/44/EC on biotechnological inventions. To enable the exploitation of a patented biotechnological invention, the Community Plant Variety Office can grant to the patent holder a compulsory licence for the use of a protected plant variety containing his invention. Applicants for the compulsory licences must demonstrate that; - they have applied unsuccessfully to the holder of the plant variety right to obtain a contractual licence; and - the biotechnological invention constitutes a significant technical progress of considerable economic interest compared with the protected plant variety. The holder of the patent can be granted a cross-licence to exploit the plant variety containing his biotechnological invention, if the holder of a plant variety right has been granted a compulsory licence for the use of this patented invention under Directive 98/44/EC. The proposal has no new financial implications for the Community budget.