

Basic information	
<b>2004/0086(CNS)</b> CNS - Consultation procedure Directive	Procedure completed
Seed produced in third countries: examinations under official supervision and equivalence  Amending Directive 2002/57/EC <a href="#">1995/0304(CNS)</a> Amending Directive 2002/55/EC <a href="#">2001/0108(CNS)</a> Amending Directive 2002/54/EC <a href="#">2001/0147(CNS)</a>  <b>Subject</b>  3.10.06 Crop products in general, floriculture	

Key players				
European Parliament	<b>Committee responsible</b>		<b>Rapporteur</b>	<b>Appointed</b>
	<a href="#">AGRI</a> Agriculture and Rural Development		DAUL Joseph (PPE-DE)	26/07/2004
Council of the European Union	<b>Council configuration</b>		<b>Meetings</b>	<b>Date</b>
	Agriculture and Fisheries		2633	2004-12-21
European Commission	<b>Commission DG</b>		<b>Commissioner</b>	
	Health and Food Safety			

Key events			
Date	Event	Reference	Summary
19/04/2004	Legislative proposal published	COM(2004)0263 	Summary
15/09/2004	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
21/09/2004	Vote in committee		Summary
23/09/2004	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	<a href="#">A6-0007/2004</a>	
17/11/2004	Decision by Parliament	<a href="#">T6-0051/2004</a>	Summary
17/11/2004	Results of vote in Parliament		
21/12/2004	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		
21/12/2004	End of procedure in Parliament		
18/01/2005	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information	
Procedure reference	2004/0086(CNS)
Procedure type	CNS - Consultation procedure
Procedure subtype	Legislation
Legislative instrument	Directive
Amendments and repeals	Amending Directive 2002/57/EC <a href="#">1995/0304(CNS)</a> Amending Directive 2002/55/EC <a href="#">2001/0108(CNS)</a> Amending Directive 2002/54/EC <a href="#">2001/0147(CNS)</a>
Legal basis	EC Treaty (after Amsterdam) EC 037
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	AGRI/6/22028

Documentation gateway				
<b>European Parliament</b>				
Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		<a href="#">A6-0007/2004</a>	23/09/2004	
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		<a href="#">T6-0051/2004</a> OJ C 201 18.08.2005, p. 0018-0062 E	17/11/2004	<a href="#">Summary</a>
<b>Council of the EU</b>				
Document type	Reference	Date	Summary	
Supplementary legislative basic document	<a href="#">14410/2004</a>	09/11/2004		
<b>European Commission</b>				
Document type	Reference	Date	Summary	
Legislative proposal	<a href="#">COM(2004)0263</a> 	19/04/2004	<a href="#">Summary</a>	
<b>Other institutions and bodies</b>				
Institution/body	Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
EESC	Economic and Social Committee: opinion, report	<a href="#">CES1207/2004</a> OJ C 074 23.03.2005, p. 0055-0056	15/09/2004	

Additional information		
Source	Document	Date

European Commission	<a href="#">EUR-Lex</a>	
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<b>Final act</b>
<a href="#">Directive 2004/0117</a> <a href="#">OJ L 014 18.01.2005, p. 0018-0033</a> <span style="float: right;"><a href="#">Summary</a></span>

## Seed produced in third countries: examinations under official supervision and equivalence

2004/0086(CNS) - 22/12/2004 - Final act

PURPOSE: harmonizing controls of seeds originating in third countries

LEGISLATIVE ACT: Council Directive 2004/117/EC amending Directives 66/401/EEC, 2002/54/EC, 2002/55/EC and 2002/57/EC

CONTENT: The scope of EU seed 'equivalence' for seed harvested in third countries is currently restricted to certain categories of seed and new rules are seeking to extend the equivalency regime to all kind of seeds meeting the characteristics and the examination requirements laid down in the various Community Directives on the marketing of seeds.

An experiment aimed at assessing whether seed sampling and seed testing, under official supervision, may constitute improved alternatives to official seed certification took place between 1998 and 2003. Several Member States participated in this and results indicate that under certain conditions, there could be a simplification of the procedures relating to official seed certification without any significant decline in quality. This Directive amends Directives related to the marketing of fodder plant seed (66/401/EEC), cereal seed (66/402/EEC), beet seed (2002/54/EC), vegetable seed (2002/55/EC) and seed of oil and fibre plants (2002/57/EC).

DATE OF ENTRY INTO FORCE: 25/01/2005.

DATE OF IMPLEMENTATION: 01/10/2005.

## Seed produced in third countries: examinations under official supervision and equivalence

2004/0086(CNS) - 17/11/2004 - Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading

The European Parliament adopted the resolution drafted by Joseph DAUL (EPP-ED, Fr) and approved the Commission's proposal.

## Seed produced in third countries: examinations under official supervision and equivalence

2004/0086(CNS) - 19/04/2004 - Legislative proposal

PURPOSE : Extending official examination of seed produced in third countries PROPOSED ACT : Council Directive. CONTENT : From 1998-2003 the European Commission has been testing out, based on Community legislation, a temporary experiment on seed sampling and seed testing. The aim of the experiment was to assess whether seed sampling and seed testing, under official supervision, may constitute improved alternatives to official seed certification, without a significant decline in the quality of the seed. The results indicate that under specified conditions there could be a simplification of the procedures relating to official seed certification - without any significant decline in the quality of the seed compared with that achieved under the system for official seed sampling and seed testing. Further, a detailed evaluation of the certification procedures relating to field inspection and official supervision show that the field inspections under official supervision should be extended to all the crops for the production of certified seed and that the proportion of the areas to be checked and inspected by official inspectors may be reduced. The scope of EU seed "equivalence" for seed harvested in third countries is currently restricted to certain categories of seed. The Commission, taking into account rules governing the international trade in seed (and in particular OECD schemes) is seeking to extend the equivalency regime to all kinds of seeds meeting the characteristics and the examination requirements laid down in the various Community Directives on the marketing of seeds.