

Basic information	
2007/0027(CNS) CNS - Consultation procedure Regulation	Procedure completed
Milk and milk products: common organisation of the markets (CMO), additional general rules for drinking milk Amending Regulation (EC) No 2597/97 1997/0114(CNS) Subject 3.10.05.02 Milk and dairy products	

Key players				
European Parliament	Committee responsible		Rapporteur	Appointed
	<div style="border: 1px solid red; display: inline-block; padding: 2px;">AGRI</div> Agriculture and Rural Development		JEGGLE Elisabeth (PPE-DE)	26/02/2007
	Committee for opinion		Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
	<div style="border: 1px solid red; display: inline-block; padding: 2px;">ENVI</div> Environment, Public Health and Food Safety		The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
Council of the European Union	Council configuration		Meetings	Date
	Agriculture and Fisheries		2819	2007-09-26
European Commission	Commission DG		Commissioner	
	Agriculture and Rural Development		FISCHER BOEL Mariann	

Key events			
Date	Event	Reference	Summary
15/02/2007	Legislative proposal published	COM(2007)0058 	Summary
15/03/2007	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
17/07/2007	Vote in committee		Summary
19/07/2007	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A6-0284/2007	
04/09/2007	Debate in Parliament		

05/09/2007	Decision by Parliament	T6-0373/2007	Summary
05/09/2007	Results of vote in Parliament		
26/09/2007	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		
26/09/2007	End of procedure in Parliament		
04/10/2007	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information	
Procedure reference	2007/0027(CNS)
Procedure type	CNS - Consultation procedure
Procedure subtype	Legislation
Legislative instrument	Regulation
Amendments and repeals	Amending Regulation (EC) No 2597/97 1997/0114(CNS)
Legal basis	EC Treaty (after Amsterdam) EC 037
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	AGRI/6/47139

Documentation gateway				
European Parliament				
Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Committee draft report		PE386.533	15/05/2007	
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		A6-0284/2007	19/07/2007	
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		T6-0373/2007	05/09/2007	Summary
European Commission				
Document type	Reference	Date	Summary	
Legislative proposal	COM(2007)0058 	15/02/2007	Summary	
Commission response to text adopted in plenary	SP(2007)5401	18/10/2007		

Additional information		
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National parliaments	IPEX	
European Commission	EUR-Lex	

Milk and milk products: common organisation of the markets (CMO), additional general rules for drinking milk

2007/0027(CNS) - 05/09/2007 - Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading

The European Parliament adopted a resolution drafted by Elisabeth JEGGLE (EPP, ED, DE), and made some amendments the proposal to amend Regulation (EC) No 2597/97 laying down additional rules on the common organisation of the market in milk and milk products for drinking milk:

- the milk fat content percentage should be clearly indicated on the packaging directly next to the product description;
- the proposed margins of tolerance for stating fat content (+/- 0.2%) should be deleted.

It should be noted that, to simplify the common market organisation (CMO) in milk and milk products, the Commission proposed three sets of amendments to current legislation. This proposal is closely related to the proposal on amending Directive 2001/114/EC relating to certain partly or wholly dehydrated preserved milk for human consumption (CNS/2007/0025) and the proposal amending Regulation (EC) No 1255/1999 on the common organisation of the market in milk and milk products (CNS/2007/0026.)

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2007/0027(CNS) - 26/09/2007 - Final act

PURPOSE: the amendment of Council Regulation (EC) No 2597/97 in order to simplify certain rules.

LEGISLATIVE ACT: Council Regulation (EC) No 1153/2007 amending Regulation (EC) No 2597/97 laying down additional rules on the common organisation of the market in milk and milk products for drinking milk

BACKGROUND: this proposal was presented as a package, alongside two other, related proposals on the dairy sector. The other two proposals adopted alongside this one concern amendments to:

- Council Directive 2001/114/EC relating to certain partly or wholly dehydrated preserved milk for human consumption. See [CNS/2007/0025](#)
- Council Regulation (EC) No 1255/1999 on the common organisation of the market in milk and milk products. See [CNS/2007/0026](#).

Current legislation states that only three categories of drinking milk may be produced and marketed in the EU namely: skimmed milk (0.5% fat or less); semi-skimmed milk (1.5% and 1.8% fat) and whole milk (3.5% fat or more).

However, a large number of derogations to the above exist. These derogations will expire in 2009.

CONTENT: the purpose of this Regulation, therefore, is to amend Council Regulation (EC) No 2597/1997 on the dairy sector in order to liberate the drinking milk market by allowing the production and marketing of milk with fat contents outside the three established categories. In essence the amendment states that heat treated milk shall be considered drinking milk provided that the fat content is clearly indicated with one decimal and easily readable on the packaging in the form of "... % fat". However, such milk cannot be described as whole milk, semi-skimmed milk or skimmed milk.

ENTRY INTO FORCE: 7 October 2007.

APPLY: 1 January 2008.

Milk and milk products: common organisation of the markets (CMO), additional general rules for drinking milk

2007/0027(CNS) - 15/02/2007 - Legislative proposal

PURPOSE: the amendment of Council Regulation (EC) No 2597/97 in order to simplify a number of rules.

PROPOSED ACT: Council Regulation.

BACKGROUND: this proposal is being presented as a package, alongside two other, related proposals on the dairy sector. The other two proposals concern the amendment of:

- Council Directive 2001/114/EC relating to certain partly or wholly dehydrated preserved milk for human consumption. See [CNS/2007/0025](#)
- Council Regulation (EC) No 1255/1999 on the common organisation of the market in milk and milk products. See [CNS/2007/0026](#).

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However, a large number of derogations to the above exist. These derogations will expire in 2009 (other than for Estonia where the derogation will expire in April 2007). Estonia has, therefore, asked for a prolongation of its derogation until 2009.

At the same time and in order to respond to new nutritional habits, the Commission is proposing to liberate the drinking milk market by allowing the production and marketing of milk with fat contents outside the three established categories. Provisions are being proposed that will allow consumers to have clear, labelled, information regarding the fat content of the milk being consumed. The result of liberalising the milk market thus will be the abolition of the derogations; increased transparency; and enhanced trade among the Member States.

As far as the financial consequences are concerned, the Commission estimates that the liberation of the drinking milk Regulation will not lead to a change in the consumption of lower fat drinking milk. Given that the trend in the average fat content is not expected to change the Commission does not foresee any changes to the Community budget as a result of the proposed amendments.