Basic information

2007/0202(COD) COD - Ordinary legislative procedure (ex-codecision procedure) Regulation	Procedure completed
Animal health requirements applicable to the non-commercial movements of pet animals: extension of the transitional period Amending Regulation (EC) No 998/2003 2000/0221(COD) **Subject** 3.10.08 Animal health requirements, veterinary legislation and pharmacy 4.20.05 Health legislation and policy	

Key players

European Parliament

Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
ENVI Environment, Public Health and Food Safety	OUZKÝ Miroslav (PPE-DE)	31/01/2008

Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
AGRI Agriculture and Rural Development	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	

Council of the European Union

Council configuration	Meetings	Date
Agriculture and Fisheries	2867	2008-05-19

European Commission

Commission DG	Commissioner
Health and Food Safety	VASSILIOU Androulla

Key events

Date	Event	Reference	Summary
08/10/2007	Legislative proposal published	COM(2007)0572	Summary
11/10/2007	Committee referral announced in Parliament, 1st reading		
26/02/2008	Vote in committee, 1st reading		Summary
29/02/2008	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading	A6-0051/2008	
10/04/2008	Decision by Parliament, 1st reading	T6-0109/2008	Summary

10/04/2008	Results of vote in Parliament		
19/05/2008	Act adopted by Council after Parliament's 1st reading		
21/05/2008	Final act signed		
21/05/2008	End of procedure in Parliament		
04/06/2008	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information

Procedure reference	2007/0202(COD)
Procedure type	COD - Ordinary legislative procedure (ex-codecision procedure)
Procedure subtype	Legislation
Legislative instrument	Regulation
Amendments and repeals	Amending Regulation (EC) No 998/2003 2000/0221(COD)
Legal basis	EC Treaty (after Amsterdam) EC 152-p4b EC Treaty (after Amsterdam) EC 037
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	ENVI/6/54475

Documentation gateway

European Parliament

Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Committee draft report		PE400.639	08/02/2008	
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		A6-0051/2008	29/02/2008	
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		T6-0109/2008	10/04/2008	Summary

Council of the EU

Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
Draft final act	03622/2008/LEX	21/05/2008	

European Commission

Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
Legislative proposal	COM(2007)0572	08/10/2007	Summary
Document attached to the procedure	COM(2007)0578	08/10/2007	
Commission response to text adopted in plenary	SP(2008)3169	28/05/2008	

Other institutions and bodies

Institution/body	Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
EESC	Economic and Social Committee: opinion, report	CES1705/2007	12/12/2007	

Additional information		
Source	**Document**	**Date**
National parliaments	IPEX	
European Commission	EUR-Lex	

Final act	
Regulation 2008/0454 OJ L 145 04.06.2008, p. 0238	Summary

Animal health requirements applicable to the non-commercial movements of pet animals: extension of the transitional period

2007/0202(COD) - 23/04/2008 - Final act

PURPOSE: to extend the transitional period for derogations in Regulation (EC) No 998/2003 until 31 August 2009.

LEGISLATIVE ACT: Regulation (EC) No 454/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EC) No 998/2003 on the animal health requirements applicable to the non-commercial movements of pet animals, as regards the extension of the transitional period.

CONTENT: the Council adopted this amendment to Regulation (EC) No 998/2003, extending **until 30 June 2010** the transitional period for special entry requirements applicable in some Member States with regard to rabies, echinococcosis and ticks. It is recalled that Article 6 of Regulation (EC) No 998 /2003 provides that for a transitional period of five years (i.e. until 3 July 2008), the entry of pet dogs and cats into Ireland, Malta, Sweden and the United Kingdom is subject to special requirements, taking into account the particular situations in those Member States with regard to rabies.

In addition, Article 16 of Regulation (EC) No 998/2003 provides that until 3 July 2008 , those Member States which have special rules for the control of echinococcosis and ticks may make the entry of pet animals into their territories subject to compliance with those requirements. Finland, Ireland, Malta, Sweden and the United Kingdom apply their specific entry rules relating to echinococcosis. Ireland, Malta and the United Kingdom require pet dogs and cats to undergo additional treatment against ticks that must also be certified in the animals' passports.

Regulation (EC) No 998/2003 provides that the transitional regimes are to be reviewed before the end of the transitional period. Accordingly, the Commission was required to submit, before 1 February 2007, a report on the need to maintain the serological test, together with appropriate proposals for determining the regime to be applied after the transitional regimes. That report should be based on the experience gained so far and on a risk evaluation, to be based on a scientific opinion of the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA). However, because the scientific assessment has taken longer than envisaged, the Commission's report has been delayed. To enable sufficient account to be taken of the conclusions of the report, the expiry of the transitional regimes need to be postponed. The transitional regimes are extended until 30 June 2010.

ENTRY INTO FORCE: 24/06/2008.

Animal health requirements applicable to the non-commercial movements of pet animals: extension of the transitional period

2007/0202(COD) - 08/10/2007 - Legislative proposal

PURPOSE: to extend the transitional period for derogations in Regulation (EC) No 998/2003 until 31 August 2009.

PROPOSED ACT: Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council.

CONTENT: Regulation (EC) No 998/2003 harmonises the rules for the non commercial movement of pet animals between Member States or after entry or re-entry into the Community from third countries. It entered into force on 3 July 2003 and applies to pet animals when travelling with their owners.

The Regulation introduced, inter alia,the pet passport for cats, dogs and ferrets when being moved from one Member State to another, which provides proof that the animal has been vaccinated against rabies. This is the sole requirement for pets to travel to all Member States.

However, the Regulation provides for specific derogative conditions for the movement of pet animals to certain Member States for a transitional period of **five years** starting from the date of entry into force, i.e. until 3 July 2008. Accordingly, the entry of pet dogs and cats into the territory of Ireland, Malta, Sweden and the United Kingdom is subject to special requirements, taking into account the particular situation in those Member States with regard to rabies. In addition, certain Member States have a derogation for the control of echinococcosis and ticks. Finland, Ireland, Malta, Sweden and the United Kingdom apply their specific entry rules relating to echinococcosis; Malta, Ireland and the United Kingdom require pet dogs and cats to undergo an additional treatment against ticks that must also be certified in the animal's passport.

These derogations should be reviewed by 3 July 2008, in the light of the experience gained by Member States and of a scientific opinion from the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA).

To this end, the Commission was required to submit to the European Parliament and to the Council, before 1 February 2007, a report on the need to maintain the serological test, together with appropriate proposals for determining the regime to be applied after the transitional period. Because the scientific assessment has taken longer than envisaged, the Commission report has been delayed. In order to be able to take the conclusions of the report sufficiently into consideration, it is proposed to extend the above transitional period.

Animal health requirements applicable to the non-commercial movements of pet animals: extension of the transitional period

2007/0202(COD) - 10/04/2008 - Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading

The European Parliament adopted, by 567 votes to 2, a legislative resolution amending the proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EC) No 998/2003 on the animal health requirements applicable to the non-commercial movements of pet animals as regards the extension of the transitional period. The report had been tabled for consideration in plenary by Miroslav **OUZKY** (EPP-ED, CZ) on behalf of the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety.

The amendments – adopted under the 1st reading of the codecision procedure –were the result of a compromise between Parliament and Council:

- the transitional period was extended to 30 June 2010 (rather than 31 August 2009) for the entry of the pet animals listed in Part A of Annex I into the territory of Ireland, Malta, Sweden and the United Kingdom, which will thereafter be subject to certain requirements;

-until 30 June 2010, Finland, Ireland, Malta, Sweden and the United Kingdom, as regards echinococcosis, and Ireland Malta and the United Kingdom, as regards ticks, may make the entry of pet animals into their territory subject to compliance with the special rules in place on the date on which this Regulation comes into force. This amendment aims at completing the list of countries applying already special requirements concerning ticks with Malta. By mistake in the Commission proposal the name of Malta had not been mentioned amongst those Member States having already a special regime in place regarding anti-tick treatment.

Lastly, the transitional regimes provided for in Articles 6 and 16 of Regulation (EC) No 998/2003 expire on 3 July 2008. Article 23 of that Regulation provides that the transitional regimes are to be reviewed before the end of the transitional period. The date 1 January 2008 was replaced with the date 1 July 2010