

Basic information	
<b>2008/0097(CNS)</b>  CNS - Consultation procedure Regulation	Procedure completed
Organic production and labelling of organic products  Amending Regulation (EC) No 834/2007 <a href="#">2005/0278(CNS)</a>	
<b>Subject</b>  3.10.09.04 Organic farming 3.70.17 European ecolabel and ecolabelling, ecodesign	

Key players			
European Parliament	<b>Committee responsible</b>  <span style="border: 1px solid red; padding: 2px;">AGRI</span> Agriculture and Rural Development	<b>Rapporteur</b>  PARISH Neil (PPE-DE)	<b>Appointed</b>  24/06/2008
	<b>Committee for opinion</b>  <span style="border: 1px solid red; padding: 2px;">ENVI</span> Environment, Public Health and Food Safety	<b>Rapporteur for opinion</b>  The committee decided not to give an opinion.	<b>Appointed</b>
Council of the European Union	<b>Council configuration</b>  Agriculture and Fisheries	<b>Meetings</b>  2892	<b>Date</b>  2008-09-29
European Commission	<b>Commission DG</b>  Agriculture and Rural Development	<b>Commissioner</b>  FISCHER BOEL Mariann	

Key events			
Date	Event	Reference	Summary
23/05/2008	Legislative proposal published	COM(2008)0314 	Summary
19/06/2008	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
14/07/2008	Vote in committee		Summary
16/07/2008	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A6-0311/2008	
02/09/2008	Decision by Parliament	T6-0377/2008	Summary

02/09/2008	Results of vote in Parliament		
29/09/2008	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		
29/09/2008	End of procedure in Parliament		
03/10/2008	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information	
Procedure reference	2008/0097(CNS)
Procedure type	CNS - Consultation procedure
Procedure subtype	Legislation
Legislative instrument	Regulation
Amendments and repeals	Amending Regulation (EC) No 834/2007 <a href="#">2005/0278(CNS)</a>
Legal basis	EC Treaty (after Amsterdam) EC 037-p2
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	AGRI/6/63355

Documentation gateway				
European Parliament				
Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Committee draft report		PE409.423	25/06/2008	
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		<a href="#">A6-0311/2008</a>	16/07/2008	
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		<a href="#">T6-0377/2008</a>	02/09/2008	<a href="#">Summary</a>

  

European Commission				
Document type	Reference	Date	Summary	
Legislative proposal	 <a href="#">COM(2008)0314</a>	23/05/2008	<a href="#">Summary</a>	

Additional information			
Source	Document	Date	
National parliaments	<a href="#">IPEX</a>		
European Commission	<a href="#">EUR-Lex</a>		

Final act	

## Organic production and labelling of organic products

2008/0097(CNS) - 29/09/2008 - Final act

PURPOSE: to postpone the compulsory use of the EU logo on labelling of organic products for the time needed to create the new Community logo.

LEGISLATIVE ACT: Council Regulation (EC) No 967/2008 amending Regulation (EC) No 834/2007 on organic production and labelling of organic products.

CONTENT: Regulation (EC) No 834/2007 has introduced rules for compulsory indications to be used on organic products, which, from 1 January 2009, includes the use of the Community logo on pre-packaged food.

It is important for the perception of consumers to ensure an informative labelling with a distinctive and appealing Community logo, which symbolises organic production and clearly identifies the products. The design of such a Community logo requires a certain time period to be developed and to be made known to the public.

Therefore, the purpose of the Regulation is to postpone until 1 July 2010 the compulsory use of the EU logo provided for in the Regulation. However, operators may use, on a voluntary basis, the current logo defined in Annex V to Regulation (EEC) No 2092/91, until the creation of the new EU logo.

ENTRY INTO FORCE: 10/10/2008.

## Organic production and labelling of organic products

2008/0097(CNS) - 02/09/2008 - Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading

The European Parliament adopted, by 667 votes to 12 with 7 abstentions under the consultation procedure, a legislative resolution approving the proposal for a Council regulation amending Regulation (EC) No 834/2007 on organic production and labelling of organic products. The report had been tabled for consideration in plenary by Neil PARISH (EPP-ED, UK) on behalf of the Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development.

## Organic production and labelling of organic products

2008/0097(CNS) - 23/05/2008 - Legislative proposal

PURPOSE: to postpone until 1 July 2010 the compulsory use of the EU logo in Regulation (EC) No 834/2007 on organic production and labelling of organic products.

PROPOSED ACT: Council Regulation.

CONTENT: Council Regulation (EC) No 834/2007 on organic production and labelling of organic products will apply as of 1 January 2009. Under Article 24(1)(b) of the Regulation, it will be compulsory to use an EU logo on pre-packaged organic products from that date. Before that date, the use of a Community logo is optional.

The purpose of this proposal is to postpone the compulsory use of the EU logo pending the design of a new logo.

This delay shall help to avoid:

- the confusion of consumers by changing EU logos within a short time period and
- the creation of additional financial burden for operators, who would have to change their packaging and print-outs within a very short time frame.

The design of a new EU logo is necessary since it turned out that the current EU logo for organic products according to Annex V of Council Regulation (EEC) No 2092/91 is easily confusable with other logos, like the EU logos for quality production (PDIs, PGOs and TSGs) pursuant to Commission Regulations (EC) No 1898/2006 and (EC) No 1216/2007.

It is important for the perception of consumers to ensure an informative labelling with a distinctive and appealing EU logo, which represents the organic production and clearly identifies the products.

To gain a broad acceptance of the new EU logo, it should be drawn up by including the public in the design procedure. This will be carried out by a public contest during the promotion campaign for the organic farming which will be launched in July 2008.

This campaign is scheduled for a period of three years and this timeframe can be used for the organisation of the public web-contest at European level and subsequent decision making process. This implies postponing the compulsory use of the EU logo until mid-2010.

Accordingly, an additional paragraph is added in Article 42 of Regulation (EC) No 834/2007 stipulating that Article 24(1)(b) and (c) of the Regulation will apply as of 1 July 2010.