Basic information

2020/0231(COD) COD - Ordinary legislative procedure (ex-codecision procedure) Regulation	Procedure completed
Organic production: date of application and certain other dates Amending Regulation 2018/848 2014/0100(COD) **Subject** 3.10.09.04 Organic farming 3.70.17 European ecolabel and ecolabelling, ecodesign **Legislative priorities** The EU's response to the Covid-19 pandemic	

Key players

European Parliament

Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
AGRI Agriculture and Rural Development		

Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
ENVI Environment, Public Health and Food Safety		

Council of the European Union

European Commission

Commission DG	Commissioner
Agriculture and Rural Development	WOJCIECHOWSKI Janusz

European Economic and Social Committee

Key events

Date	Event	Reference	Summary
04/09/2020	Legislative proposal published	COM(2020)0483	Summary
14/09/2020	Committee referral announced in Parliament, 1st reading		
08/10/2020	Decision by Parliament, 1st reading	T9-0263/2020	Summary
19/10/2020	Act adopted by Council after Parliament's 1st reading		
11/11/2020	Final act signed		
11/11/2020	End of procedure in Parliament		

13/11/2020	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information

Procedure reference	2020/0231(COD)
Procedure type	COD - Ordinary legislative procedure (ex-codecision procedure)
Procedure subtype	Legislation
Legislative instrument	Regulation
Amendments and repeals	Amending Regulation 2018/848 2014/0100(COD)
Legal basis	Rules of Procedure EP 170 Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union TFEU 043-p2
Mandatory consultation of other institutions	European Economic and Social Committee
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	AGRI/9/04097

Documentation gateway

European Parliament

Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		T9-0263/2020	08/10/2020	Summary

Council of the EU

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European Commission

Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
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National parliaments

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Contribution	PT_PARLIAMENT	COM(2020)0483	14/10/2020	

Other institutions and bodies

Institution/body	Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
EESC	Economic and Social Committee: opinion, report	CES4202/2020	29/10/2020	

Additional information		
Source	**Document**	**Date**
European Commission	EUR-Lex	

Final act
Regulation 2020/1693 OJ L 381 13.11.2020, p. 0001-0003

Organic production: date of application and certain other dates

2020/0231(COD) - 04/09/2020 - Legislative proposal

PURPOSE: to postpone by one year the date of application of certain provisions of Regulation (EU) 2018/848 on organic production due to exceptional reasons in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic.

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

ROLE OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT: the European Parliament decides in accordance with the ordinary legislative procedure and on an equal footing with the Council.

BACKGROUND: Regulation (EU) 2018/848 of the European Parliament and of the Council establishes a new regulatory framework as regards organic production. It provides for an application date of 1 January 2021.

The COVID-19 pandemic and the related public health crisis is placing a heavy burden on national authorities and organic operators. The pandemic has also created extraordinary circumstances that require considerable adaptation of the organic sector in terms of production, marketing, controls and international trade.

Due to these extraordinary circumstances, it is very likely that Member States and organic operators will not be ready to ensure the proper implementation and application of Regulation (EU) 2018/848 from 1 January 2021.

CONTENT: in order to ensure the smooth functioning of the internal market, to provide legal certainty to all organic operators, and to avoid potential market disruption, the Commission proposes to defer the date of application of certain provisions of Regulation (EU) 2018/848 by one year (until 1 January 2022) and certain other dates referred to in that Regulation that are derived from that date.

The proposed amendments aim to ensure that the intended purpose of Regulation (EU) 2018/848, that is to achieve:

- the establishment of a framework for organic production, with the goal of developing further an overall system of farm management and food production that combines best environmental and climate action practices;

- a high level of biodiversity;

- the preservation of natural resources and the application of high animal welfare standards and high production standards in line with the demand of a growing number of consumers for products using natural substances and processes.

Organic production: date of application and certain other dates

2020/0231(COD) - 08/10/2020 - Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading

The European Parliament adopted by 683 votes to 3, with 8 abstentions, a legislative resolution on the proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EU) 2018/848 on organic production as regards its date of application and certain other dates referred to in that Regulation.

The European Parliament adopted its position at first reading in accordance with the ordinary legislative procedure, taking over the Commission proposal.

Taking into account the scale of the COVID-19 pandemic and the related public health crisis, its epidemiological development, as well as the additional resources required in the Member States and by operators, the Commission proposes to postpone the date of application of Regulation (EU) 2018/848

by one year (until 1 January 2022) in order to ensure the proper functioning of the organic sector, to provide legal certainty and to avoid possible market disruption.

Several dates related to derogations, reports or empowerments granted to the Commission to end or extend derogations, derive directly from the date of application of Regulation (EU) 2018/848. It is also proposed to defer these dates by one year.

Similarly, it is proposed to postpone by one year, until 31 December 2024, the date of expiry of the recognition granted to control authorities and control bodies in third countries under Regulation (EC) No 834/2007, in order to give these control authorities and control bodies and their certified operators in third countries sufficient time to overcome the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic.