Basic information

2022/0016(COD) COD - Ordinary legislative procedure (ex-codecision procedure) Decision	Procedure completed
Equivalence of field inspections carried out and equivalence of seed produced: period of application; in Bolivia on cereal and oil and fibre plant seed-producing crops, and of cereal seed and oil and fibre plant seed **Subject** 3.10.03 Marketing and trade of agricultural products and livestock 3.10.06.03 Cereals, rice 3.10.06.04 Fodder plants 3.10.06.05 Textile plants, cotton 3.10.06.06 Oleaginous plants **Geographical area** Bolivia	

Key players

European Parliament

Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
AGRI Agriculture and Rural Development	VRECIONOVÁ Veronika (ECR)	15/02/2022
	Shadow rapporteur MATO Gabriel (EPP) MAESTRE Cristina (S&D) MÜLLER Ulrike (Renew) LEBRETON Gilles (ID) MACMANUS Chris (The Left)	

Council of the European Union

European Commission

Commission DG	Commissioner
Health and Food Safety	KYRIAKIDES Stella

European Economic and Social Committee

Key events

Date	Event	Reference	Summary

27/01/2022	Legislative proposal published	COM(2022)0026	Summary
14/02/2022	Committee referral announced in Parliament, 1st reading		
16/03/2022	Vote in committee, 1st reading		
18/03/2022	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading	A9-0053/2022	Summary
05/04/2022	Decision by Parliament, 1st reading	T9-0107/2022	Summary
16/05/2022	Act adopted by Council after Parliament's 1st reading		
30/05/2022	Final act signed		
03/06/2022	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information

Procedure reference	2022/0016(COD)
Procedure type	COD - Ordinary legislative procedure (ex-codecision procedure)
Procedure subtype	Legislation
Legislative instrument	Decision
Legal basis	Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union TFEU 043-p2
Other legal basis	Rules of Procedure EP 165
Mandatory consultation of other institutions	European Economic and Social Committee
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	AGRI/9/08251

Documentation gateway

European Parliament

Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Committee draft report		PE719.819	03/03/2022	
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		A9-0053/2022	18/03/2022	Summary
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		T9-0107/2022	05/04/2022	Summary

Council of the EU

Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
Draft final act	00010/2022/LEX	30/05/2022	

European Commission

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Legislative proposal	COM(2022)0026	27/01/2022	Summary

Other institutions and bodies

Institution/body	Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
EESC	Economic and Social Committee: opinion, report	CES1065/2022	23/03/2022	

Additional information

Source	Document	Date
European Commission	EUR-Lex	

Final act

Decision 2022/0871
OJ L 152 03.06.2022, p. 0109

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2022/0016(COD) - 18/03/2022 - Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading

The Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development adopted the report by Veronika VRECIONOVÁ (ECR, CZ) on the proposal for a decision of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Council Decision 2003/17/EC as regards its period of application and as regards the equivalence of field inspections carried out in Bolivia on cereal seed-producing crops and oil and fibre plant seed-producing crops and on the equivalence of cereal seed and oil and fibre plant seed produced in Bolivia.

The committee responsible recommended that the European Parliament adopt its position at first reading by taking over the Commission's proposal.

On 29 January 2016, Bolivia submitted a request to the Commission to consider seed of sorghum, maize and sunflower produced in Bolivia as offering the same assurances as regards identity, health and quality as seed produced in the EU on the basis of official controls carried out by the competent authorities of that country.

The proposed Decision aims to grant equivalence in respect of field inspections of seed producing crops of sorghum, maize and sunflower carried out in Bolivia and in respect of seed of sorghum, maize and sunflower produced in Bolivia and officially certified by its authorities.

As Decision 2003/17/EC expires on 31 December 2022, it is proposed to extend the period for which equivalence is recognised under that Decision by 7 years (until 31 December 2029) in order to avoid any risk of disruption of seed imports into the Union.

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2022/0016(COD) - 27/01/2022 - Legislative proposal

PURPOSE: to amend Council Decision 2003/17/EC as regards its period of application and to add Bolivia to the list of third countries for which field inspections of seed producing crops and seed produced in those countries are considered equivalent to EU field inspections and seed production, respectively, in respect of sorghum, maize and sunflower.

PROPOSED ACT: Decision 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: Council Decision 2003/17/EC provides that, under certain conditions, field inspections carried out in the third countries listed in its Annex I on certain seed-producing crops are to be considered equivalent to field inspections carried out in accordance with Union law and that, under certain conditions, seed of certain cereal species produced in those countries is to be considered equivalent to seed produced in accordance with Union law. Decision 2003/17/EC expires on 31 December 2022.

On 29 January 2016, Bolivia submitted a request to the Commission to consider seed of sorghum, maize and sunflower produced in Bolivia as offering the same assurances as regards identity, health and quality as seed produced in the EU on the basis of official controls carried out by the competent authorities of that country.

Following this request, the Commission assessed the relevant Bolivian legislation and carried out an audit of the Bolivian seed production and certification system. The Commission identified shortcomings and made recommendations to Bolivia. As Bolivia addressed these shortcomings by 30 November 2018, the Commission recognised that the Bolivian system in place offered the same assurance as the EU system.

CONTENT: the proposed Decision aims to **grant equivalence** in respect of field inspections of seed producing crops of sorghum, maize and sunflower carried out in **Bolivia** and in respect of seed of **sorghum, maize and sunflower** produced in Bolivia and officially certified by its authorities.

As Decision 2003/17/EC expires on 31 December 2022, it is proposed to **extend by 7 years** (until 31 December 2029) the period for which equivalence is recognised under that Decision, in order to avoid any risk of disruption of seed imports into the Union.

The proposal will stimulate seed trade between Bolivia and the EU. Granting the EU equivalence would therefore contribute to the maintenance of the continuous supply of high quality seed in the EU. It could also make it more attractive for EU-based companies to invest in the agricultural development of Bolivia given that the EU would become an export market.

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2022/0016(COD) - 05/04/2022 - Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading

The European Parliament adopted by 549 votes to 3, with 78 abstentions, a legislative resolution on the proposal for a decision of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Council Decision 2003/17/EC as regards its period of application and as regards the equivalence of field inspections carried out in Bolivia on cereal seed-producing crops and oil and fibre plant seed-producing crops and on the equivalence of cereal seed and oil and fibre plant seed produced in Bolivia.

Parliament adopted its position at first reading under the ordinary legislative procedure by taking over the Commission proposal.

The proposed Decision aims to **grant equivalence** in respect of field inspections of seed producing crops of sorghum, maize and sunflower carried out in Bolivia and in respect of seed of sorghum, maize and sunflower produced in Bolivia and officially certified by its authorities.

As Decision 2003/17/EC expires on 31 December 2022, the period for which equivalence is recognised under that Decision is **extended by 7 years** (until 31 December 2029) in order to avoid any risk of disruption of seed imports into the Union.

In 2016, Bolivia submitted a request to the Commission for the granting of equivalence to its system of field inspections of seed-producing crops and to seed of Sorghum spp. (sorghum), Zea mays (maize) and Helianthus annuus (sunflower) produced and certified in Bolivia.

The Commission assessed the relevant legislation of Bolivia, carried out an audit in 2018 concerning the system of official controls of seed production and seed certification of sorghum, maize and sunflower in Bolivia, and their equivalence with Union requirements. The audit showed that there is a well-organised seed production and certification system exists in Bolivia. The Commission found some shortcomings and made recommendations to Bolivia. As of 30 November 2018, Bolivia had remedied these shortcomings.