

Basic information	
2022/0390(COD) COD - Ordinary legislative procedure (ex-codecision procedure) Regulation	Procedure completed
Labelling of organic pet food Subject 3.10.03 Marketing and trade of agricultural products and livestock 3.10.09.04 Organic farming 3.70.17 European ecolabel and ecolabelling, ecodesign	


Key players				
European Parliament	Committee responsible		Rapporteur	Appointed
	AGRI	Agriculture and Rural Development	HÄUSLING Martin (Greens /EFA)	10/02/2023
			Shadow rapporteur	
			SCHMIEDTBAUER Simone (EPP)	
			BIELOWSKI Theresa (S&D)	
			VAUTMANS Hilde (Renew)	
European Parliament			FRAGKOS Emmanouil (ECR)	
			HAZEKAMP Anja (The Left)	
	Committee for opinion		Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
	ENVI	Environment, Public Health and Food Safety	COMÍN I OLIVERES Antoni (NI)	06/02/2023
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

28/11/2022	Legislative proposal published	COM(2022)0659 	
12/12/2022	Committee referral announced in Parliament, 1st reading		
25/04/2023	Vote in committee, 1st reading		
25/04/2023	Committee decision to open interinstitutional negotiations with report adopted in committee		
27/04/2023	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading	A9-0159/2023	Summary
08/05/2023	Committee decision to enter into interinstitutional negotiations announced in plenary (Rule 71)		
10/05/2023	Committee decision to enter into interinstitutional negotiations confirmed by plenary (Rule 71)		
28/06/2023	Approval in committee of the text agreed at 1st reading interinstitutional negotiations	GEDA/A/(2023)003938 PE750.016	
12/09/2023	Decision by Parliament, 1st reading	T9-0298/2023	Summary
12/09/2023	Results of vote in Parliament		
09/10/2023	Act adopted by Council after Parliament's 1st reading		
18/10/2023	Final act signed		
27/10/2023	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information	
Procedure reference	2022/0390(COD)
Procedure type	COD - Ordinary legislative procedure (ex-codecision procedure)
Procedure subtype	Legislation
Legislative instrument	Regulation
Legal basis	Treaty on the Functioning of the EU 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/9/10799

Documentation gateway				
European Parliament				
Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Committee draft report		PE742.671	07/03/2023	
Specific opinion	<div>ENVI</div>	PE742.634	22/03/2023	
Amendments tabled in committee		PE745.512	29/03/2023	
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		A9-0159/2023	27/04/2023	Summary

Text agreed during interinstitutional negotiations		PE750.016	14/06/2023	
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		T9-0298/2023	12/09/2023	Summary
Council of the EU				
Document type	Reference	Date	Summary	
Coreper letter confirming interinstitutional agreement	GEDA/A/(2023)003938	14/06/2023		
Draft final act	00033/2023/LEX	18/10/2023		
European Commission				
Document type	Reference	Date	Summary	
Legislative proposal	COM(2022)0659 	28/11/2022		
Commission response to text adopted in plenary	SP(2023)525	19/12/2023		
National parliaments				
Document type	Parliament /Chamber	Reference	Date	Summary
Contribution	ES_PARLIAMENT	COM(2022)0659	15/02/2023	
Other institutions and bodies				
Institution/body	Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
EESC	Economic and Social Committee: opinion, report	CES5926/2022	24/01/2023	
Final act				
Regulation 2023/2419 OJ L 000 27.10.2023, p. 0000				

Labelling of organic pet food

2022/0390(COD) - 27/04/2023 - Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading

The Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development adopted the report by Martin HÄUSLING (Greens/EFA, DE) on the proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the labelling of organic pet food.

As a reminder, the purpose of this proposal is to establish specific labelling rules for pet food. These rules will allow pet food, in particular for cats and dogs, to bear the organic production logo of the European Union. Moreover, the organic production logo of the European Union will be mandatory for prepacked pet food labelled as organic.

The draft rules clarify that pet food can be labelled as organic if at least 95% in terms of weight of its agricultural ingredients are organic. The rules were proposed as a result of a new legislative framework for organic products which do not allow anymore for national rules for the minimum percentage of organic ingredients in organic pet food.

The committee responsible recommended that the European Parliament's position adopted at first reading under the ordinary legislative procedure should amend the proposal as follows:

Transitional measures

To prevent waste of products and packaging material and ensure a smooth transition, Members suggested that operators should be able to market all products already in stock. This means the large volumes of existing stocks of organic pet food could still be sold to consumers until those stocks are exhausted. The report proposed a **transitional period of 6 months** after this Regulation's entry into force to be installed during which the mandatory use of the EU organic logo does not apply.

Special labelling

A new article has been introduced by Members requesting that special labelling provisions should be laid down to enable final consumers to identify organic ingredients used in products which consist mainly of an ingredient that stems from **hunting or fishing**, as long as all other ingredients are organic and only feed additives and processing aids authorised pursuant to Regulation (EU) 2018/848 on organic production and labelling of organic products are used.

Labelling of organic pet food

2022/0390(COD) - 12/09/2023 - Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading

The European Parliament adopted by 592 votes to 12, with 21 abstentions, a legislative resolution on the proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the labelling of organic pet food.

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Parliament's position adopted at first reading following the ordinary legislative procedure amended the Commission proposal as follows:

Development of the pet food sector

The amended text acknowledged that the pet food sector has a role to play in contributing to the objectives of the European Green Deal, as well as recognising the new labelling measures provided for in this regulation and the uniform use of the organic production logo of the European Union, should help to develop and promote the pet food sector, both through the sale of products to consumers who are mindful of the organic content of the products they buy and through the opportunity to bring about added value to organic by-products and co-products.

Subject matter

It is stipulated that this regulation constitutes other **specific Union law** relating to the placing of products on the market for the purposes of Article 2(5) of Regulation (EU) 2018/848 on organic production and labelling of organic products. Given that pet food is feed for a specific category of animals, the provisions of Regulation (EU) 2018/848 which apply to feed should remain applicable to pet food, in particular those on production, certification, control, marketing, and trade with third countries.

Use of terms referring to organic production on pet food labels

Information on compliance with organic production rules should be provided through the terms referring to organic production in the sales description and in the list of ingredients, as well as through the use of the organic production logo of the European Union. In order to facilitate awareness about compliance with organic production rules, the organic production logo of the European Union should be obligatory for all prepacked pet food complying with Regulation (EU) 2018/848 and with this Regulation and produced within the Union, as is the case for prepacked food pursuant to Article 32(1), point (b), of Regulation (EU) 2018/848.

Special labelling provisions should also be laid down to allow final consumers to identify the organic ingredients that are used in products which consist mainly of an **ingredient that stems from hunting or fishing**, provided that all other agricultural ingredients are organic.

Consumer information

Given the importance of the presence of non-organic agricultural ingredients in pet food, final consumers should be appropriately informed about the composition of pet food containing both organic and non-organic agricultural ingredients, thus enabling consumer confidence and fair competition between operators in the pet food sector.

Transitional measures

Organic petfood labelled in accordance with national rules or, failing that, with private standards accepted or recognised by the Member States between 1 January 2022 and the date of entry into force of this regulation may be placed on the market until stocks are exhausted.

Application

The regulation provides for a **deferred date of application** (six months after the date of entry of the regulation) of the obligation to use the organic production logo of the European Union on the labelling of prepacked pet food in order to enable operators to prepare fully for the application of the new labelling requirements.