

Basic information	
<p>2024/0027(COD)</p> <p>COD - Ordinary legislative procedure (ex-codecision procedure) Decision</p>	Procedure completed
<p>Granting equivalence with EU requirements to Moldova and Ukraine as regards field inspections and production of seed</p> <p>Subject</p> <p>3.10.03 Marketing and trade of agricultural products and livestock 3.10.06.04 Fodder plants</p> <p>Geographical area</p> <p>Moldova Ukraine</p> <p>Legislative priorities</p> <p>EU support to Ukraine</p>	

Key players				
European Parliament	Committee responsible		Rapporteur	Appointed
	 Agriculture and Rural Development		VRECIANOVA Veronika (ECR)	20/11/2024
	Former committee responsible		Former rapporteur	Appointed
	 Agriculture and Rural Development		VRECIANOVA Veronika (ECR)	01/03/2024
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
05/02/2024	Legislative proposal published	COM(2024)0052 	Summary
26/02/2024	Committee referral announced in Parliament, 1st reading		

13/11/2024	Committee referral announced in Parliament, 1st reading		
19/03/2025	Vote in committee, 1st reading		
19/03/2025	Committee decision to open interinstitutional negotiations with report adopted in committee		
25/03/2025	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading	A10-0043/2025	Summary
31/03/2025	Committee decision to enter into interinstitutional negotiations announced in plenary (Rule 71)		
03/04/2025	Results of vote in Parliament		
03/04/2025	Committee decision to enter into interinstitutional negotiations confirmed by plenary (Rule 71 - vote)		
22/05/2025	Decision by Parliament, 1st reading	T10-0110/2025	Summary
22/05/2025	Results of vote in Parliament		
12/06/2025	Act adopted by Council after Parliament's 1st reading		
17/06/2025	Final act signed		
20/06/2025	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information	
Procedure reference	2024/0027(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
Mandatory consultation of other institutions	European Economic and Social Committee
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	AGRI/10/00337

Documentation gateway				
European Parliament				
Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Committee draft report		PE766.952	20/12/2024	
Amendments tabled in committee		PE768.215	10/02/2025	
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		A10-0043/2025	25/03/2025	Summary
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		T10-0110/2025	22/05/2025	Summary
Council of the EU				
Document type	Reference	Date	Summary	
Draft final act	00009/2025/LEX	12/06/2025		

European Commission				
Document type	Reference	Date	Summary	
Legislative proposal	COM(2024)0052 	05/02/2024	Summary	
Commission response to text adopted in plenary	SP(2025)07	25/07/2025		
Other institutions and bodies				
Institution/body	Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
EESC	Economic and Social Committee: opinion, report	CES0852/2024	20/03/2024	

Additional information		
Source	Document	Date
European Commission	EUR-Lex	

Meetings with interest representatives published in line with the Rules of Procedure

Rapporteurs, Shadow Rapporteurs and Committee Chairs

Transparency				
Name	Role	Committee	Date	Interest representatives
BUDA Daniel	Shadow rapporteur	AGRI	12/02/2025	Mission of the Republic of Moldova to the EU
CÂRCIU Gheorghe	Shadow rapporteur	AGRI	29/01/2025	Euroseeds
BUDA Daniel	Shadow rapporteur	AGRI	27/01/2025	Euroseeds
VRECIANOVA Veronika	Rapporteur	AGRI	13/11/2024	Euroseeds

Final act	
Decision 2025/1228 OJ OJ L 20.06.2025	Summary

Granting equivalence with EU requirements to Moldova and Ukraine as regards field inspections and production of seed

2024/0027(COD) - 22/05/2025 - Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading

The European Parliament adopted by 374 votes to 176, with 36 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 the equivalence of field inspections carried out in the Republic of

Moldova on fodder plant seed-producing crops and on the equivalence of fodder plant seed produced in the Republic of Moldova, and as regards the equivalence of field inspections carried out in Ukraine on beet seed-producing crops and oil plant seed-producing crops and on the equivalence of beet seed and oil plant seed produced in Ukraine.

Parliament supported at first reading the Commission's proposal to update Council Decision 2003/17/EC with a view to granting **equivalence to certain non-EU countries** as regards field inspections and production of seed of certain species that are carried out in accordance with Council Directives 66/401/EEC, 66/402/EEC, 2002/54/EC, 2002/55/EC and 2002/57/EC.

The Republic of Moldova has been included in the list of non-EU countries since 2018. Similarly, Ukraine joined this list in 2020 for seeds of different agricultural crops.

The Commission examined the relevant legislation of Ukraine and Moldova, carried out audits of the official control and seed certification systems and published its findings in a report.

Following the receipt of additional documentation from the Republic of Moldova, the Commission considered that all recommendations made in the audit report had been addressed in a satisfactory manner.

Granting equivalence with EU requirements to Moldova and Ukraine as regards field inspections and production of seed

2024/0027(COD) - 25/03/2025 - Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading

The Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development adopted the report by Veronika VRECIKOVÁ (ECR, CZ) on the proposal for a decision of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Council Decision 2003/17/EC as regards the equivalence of field inspections carried out in the Republic of Moldova on fodder plant seed-producing crops and on the equivalence of fodder plant seed produced in the Republic of Moldova, and as regards the equivalence of field inspections carried out in Ukraine on beet seed-producing crops and oil plant seed-producing crops and on the equivalence of beet seed and oil plant seed produced in Ukraine.

The committee responsible recommended that the European Parliament adopt its position at first reading taking over the European Commission's proposal, which aims to update Council Decision 2003/17/EC that grants equivalence to certain non-EU countries as regards field inspections and production of seed of certain species that are carried out in accordance with Council Directives 66/401/EEC, 66/402/EEC, 2002/54/EC, 2002/55/EC and 2002/57/EC. That equivalence system contributes to the maintenance of the continuous supply of high-quality seed in the Union.

Moldova has been included in the list of non-EU countries since 2018. Similarly, Ukraine joined this list in 2020 for seeds of different agricultural crops.

The requesting countries have their seed laboratories accredited by the International Seed Testing Association. This provides additional assurance on the quality of the inspections and the seed produced in those countries and their compliance with Union legislation.

Moreover, both Ukraine and Moldova have been admitted to the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) Seed Schemes for the Varietal Certification of Seed moving in International Trade, with respect to the seeds of the requested agricultural crops.

The Commission examined Ukraine's and Moldova's relevant legislation, carried out audits of systems of official controls and seed certification, and found them appropriate to the EU legislation.

The report states that, after receiving additional documentation from the Republic of Moldova and Ukraine, the Commission considered that all the recommendations made in the audit report had been addressed satisfactorily.

Granting equivalence with EU requirements to Moldova and Ukraine as regards field inspections and production of seed

2024/0027(COD) - 20/06/2025 - Final act

PURPOSE: to grant EU equivalence for certain seed imports from Ukraine and the Republic of Moldova.

LEGISLATIVE ACT: Decision (EU) 2025/1228 of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Council Decision 2003/17/EC as regards the equivalence of field inspections carried out in the Republic of Moldova on seed-producing fodder plant crops and on the equivalence of fodder plant seed produced in the Republic of Moldova, and as regards the equivalence of field inspections carried out in Ukraine on seed-producing beet crops and seed-producing oil plant crops and on the equivalence of beet seed and oil plant seed produced in Ukraine.

CONTENT: the Decision is a technical implementation of existing requirements and amends Decision 2003/17/EC, which grants certain non-EU countries equivalence as regards field inspections and the production of seed of certain species.

In 2022, Moldova submitted a request to the Commission for the granting of equivalence to its system of field inspections of seed-producing fodder plant crops and to fodder plant seed produced and certified in Moldova. In 2022, Ukraine submitted a request to the Commission for the granting of equivalence to its system of field inspections of seed-producing beet, sunflower and swede rape crops and to the beet, sunflower and swede rape seed produced and certified in Ukraine.

The Commission examined the relevant legislation of Ukraine and Moldova, carried out audits of the official control and seed certification systems and published its findings in a report. It concluded that the requirements and systems in place in those countries are equivalent to the ones of the Union and offer the same assurance as the Union's system.

In particular, the decision grants equivalence for **seed of beet, sunflower, swede rape and soya bean** produced and certified in Ukraine and for **seed of fodder plants** produced in Moldova and officially certified by its authorities, as well as to the relevant field inspections that are carried out.

In line with this Decision, seed from these species produced in Ukraine and Moldova will be able to enter the EU market. The new rules will also contribute to maintaining the continuous supply of high-quality seed in the EU.

ENTRY INTO FORCE: 10.7.2025.

Granting equivalence with EU requirements to Moldova and Ukraine as regards field inspections and production of seed

2024/0027(COD) - 05/02/2024 - Legislative proposal

PURPOSE: to grant equivalence with EU requirements for fodder plant seed produced in the Republic of Moldova and officially certified by its authorities, and for beet, sunflower and rape seed produced in Ukraine and officially certified by its authorities.

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: Council Decision 2003/17/EC grants equivalence to certain non-EU countries as regards field inspections and production of seed of certain species that are carried out in accordance with Council Directives 66/401/EEC, 66/402/EEC, 2002/54/EC, 2002/55/EC and 2002/57/EC.

Moldova is included in those non-EU countries since 2018 as regards cereal seed, vegetable seed and seed of oil and fibre plants. In 2022, it submitted a request to the Commission that fodder plant seed is covered by the equivalence set out in Council Decision 2003/17/EC.

Ukraine is included in those non-EU countries since 2020 as regards cereal seed. In 2022 Ukraine submitted a request to the Commission that seed of beet, sunflower and swede rape is covered by the equivalence set out in Council Decision 2003/17/EC. In 2023, Ukraine submitted an additional request for seed of soya bean.

Following those requests, the Commission examined the applicable legislations of Moldova and of Ukraine. It concluded that the requirements and systems in place in those countries are equivalent to the ones of the Union and offer the same assurance as the Union's system.

CONTENT: the proposal **grants equivalence to applicable Union law:**

(a) as regards field inspections carried out in respect of fodder plant seed-producing crops in Moldova, and as regards fodder plant seed produced in Moldova and officially certified by its authorities; and

(b) as regards field inspections carried out in respect of seed-producing crops of beet, sunflower, swede rape and soya bean in Ukraine, and as regards seed of beet, sunflower, swede rape and soya bean produced in Ukraine and officially certified by its authorities.

The proposal will stimulate seed trade between Moldova and the EU and between Ukraine and the EU. It will allow companies that are entitled to multiply varieties included in the EU common catalogue of varieties to invest in seed production capacities in those countries.