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REPORT

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 Ukraine on cereal seed-producing crops and on the equivalence of cereal seed produced in Ukraine
(COM(2020)0137 – C9-0100/2020 – 2020/0053(COD))

Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development

Rapporteur: Veronika Vrecionová

Symbols for procedures

- * Consultation procedure
- *** Consent procedure
- ***I Ordinary legislative procedure (first reading)
- ***II Ordinary legislative procedure (second reading)
- ***III Ordinary legislative procedure (third reading)

(The type of procedure depends on the legal basis proposed by the draft act.)

Amendments to a draft act

Amendments by Parliament set out in two columns

Deletions are indicated in ***bold italics*** in the left-hand column. Replacements are indicated in ***bold italics*** in both columns. New text is indicated in ***bold italics*** in the right-hand column.

The first and second lines of the header of each amendment identify the relevant part of the draft act under consideration. If an amendment pertains to an existing act that the draft act is seeking to amend, the amendment heading includes a third line identifying the existing act and a fourth line identifying the provision in that act that Parliament wishes to amend.

Amendments by Parliament in the form of a consolidated text

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DRAFT EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION

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(Ordinary legislative procedure: first reading)

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the Commission proposal to Parliament and the Council (COM(2020)0137),
 - having regard to Article 294(2) and Article 43(2) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, pursuant to which the Commission submitted the proposal to Parliament (C9-0100/2020),
 - having regard to Article 294(3) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,
 - after consulting the European Economic and Social Committee,
 - having regard to Rule 59 of its Rules of Procedure,
 - having regard to the report of the Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development (A9-0164/2020),
1. Adopts its position at first reading, taking over the Commission proposal;
 2. Calls on the Commission to refer the matter to Parliament again if it replaces, substantially amends or intends to substantially amend its proposal;
 3. Instructs its President to forward its position to the Council, the Commission and the national parliaments.

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

The Rapporteur suggest adopting this proposal without amendments because of the technical nature of this file. This proposal aim 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 by Directives 66/401/EEC, 66/402/EEC, 2002/54/EC and 2002/57/EC. The legal basis is the Article 43(2) of the TFEU.

So far, Ukraine is not on the list of countries benefiting from this equivalence; therefore, import into the European Union of cereal seeds harvested in that country is currently not possible. Ukraine has submitted to the Commission a request that Council Decision 2003/17/EC covers its cereal seed as equivalent.

Following that request, the Commission has examined the applicable legislation of Ukraine and conducted an audit of the field inspections and seed certification system for cereal seed in place in Ukraine. The overall results of this examination were positive. Requirements and system in place are equivalent to the ones of the Union and offer the same assurance as to the Union's system.

This proposal is in line with the aims of the EU-Ukraine Association Agreement because it will boost trade in seed that complies with the Union's rules.

As explained in the Commission's proposal all conditions are met in order to grant the equivalence to the Ukraine.

PROCEDURE – COMMITTEE RESPONSIBLE

Title	Equivalence of field inspections carried out in Ukraine on cereal seed-producing crops and on the equivalence of cereal seed produced in Ukraine
References	COM(2020)0137 – C9-0100/2020 – 2020/0053(COD)
Date submitted to Parliament	7.4.2020
Committee responsible Date announced in plenary	AGRI 16.4.2020
Committees asked for opinions Date announced in plenary	INTA 16.4.2020
Not delivering opinions Date of decision	INTA 15.4.2020
Rapporteurs Date appointed	Veronika Vrecionová 4.5.2020
Previous rapporteurs	Norbert Lins
Discussed in committee	20.5.2020
Date adopted	22.9.2020
Result of final vote	+: 31 –: 12 0: 5
Members present for the final vote	Mazaly Aguilar, Clara Aguilera, Atidzhe Alieva-Veli, Álvaro Amaro, Attila Ara-Kovács, Carmen Avram, Adrian-Dragoş Benea, Benoît Biteau, Mara Bizzotto, Daniel Buda, Isabel Carvalhais, Asger Christensen, Angelo Ciocca, Ivan David, Paolo De Castro, Jérémy Decerle, Salvatore De Meo, Herbert Dorfmann, Luke Ming Flanagan, Cristian Ghinea, Dino Giarrusso, Francisco Guerreiro, Martin Häusling, Martin Hlaváček, Krzysztof Jurgiel, Jarosław Kalinowski, Elsi Katainen, Gilles Lebreton, Norbert Lins, Chris MacManus, Marlene Mortler, Ulrike Müller, Maria Noichl, Juozas Olekas, Pina Picierno, Maxette Pirbakas, Eugenia Rodríguez Palop, Bronis Ropè, Bert-Jan Ruissen, Anne Sander, Petri Sarvamaa, Simone Schmiedtbauer, Annie Schreijer-Pierik, Veronika Vrecionová, Juan Ignacio Zoido Álvarez
Substitutes present for the final vote	Claude Gruffat, Michaela Šojdrová, Marc Tarabella

FINAL VOTE BY ROLL CALL IN COMMITTEE RESPONSIBLE

31	+
ECR	Mazaly Aguilar, Krzysztof Jurgiel, Bert-Jan Ruissen, Veronika Vrecionová
PPE	Álvaro Amaro, Daniel Buda, Salvatore De Meo, Herbert Dorfmann, Jarosław Kalinowski, Norbert Lins, Marlene Mortler, Petri Sarvamaa, Simone Schmiedtbauer, Annie Schreijer-Pierik, Michaela Šojdrová, Juan Ignacio Zoido Álvarez
S&D	Clara Aguilera, Attila Ara-Kovács, Carmen Avram, Adrian-Dragoş Benea, Isabel Carvalhais, Paolo De Castro, Maria Noichl, Juozas Olekas, Pina Picierno, Marc Tarabella
Verts/ALE	Benoît Biteau, Claude Gruffat, Francisco Guerreiro, Martin Häusling, Bronis Ropé

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GUE/NGL	Luke Ming Flanagan, Chris MacManus, Eugenia Rodríguez Palop
ID	Mara Bizzotto, Angelo Ciocca, Ivan David, Gilles Lebreton, Maxette Pirbakas
NI	Dino Giarrusso
PPE	Anne Sander
RENEW	Jérémy Decerle, Cristian Ghinea

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RENEW	Atidzhe Alieva-Veli, Asger Christensen, Martin Hlaváček, Elsi Katainen, Ulrike Müller

Key to symbols:

+ : in favour

- : against

0 : abstention