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Non-commercial movement of pet animals *I**

European Parliament legislative resolution of 23 May 2013 on the proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the non-commercial movement of pet animals (COM(2012)0089 – C7-0060/2012 – 2012/0039(COD))

(Ordinary legislative procedure: first reading)

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the Commission proposal to Parliament and the Council (COM(2012)0089),
 - having regard to Article 294(2) and Articles 43(2) and 168(4)(b) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, pursuant to which the Commission submitted the proposal to Parliament (C7-0060/2012),
 - having regard to Article 294(3) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,
 - having regard to the opinion of the European Economic and Social Committee of 23 May 2012¹,
 - after consulting the Committee of the Regions,
 - having regard to the undertaking given by the Council representative by letter of 13 March 2013 to approve Parliament's position, in accordance with Article 294(4) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,
 - having regard to Rule 55 of its Rules of Procedure,
 - having regard to the report of the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety (A7-0371/2012),
1. Adopts its position at first reading hereinafter set out;
 2. Takes note of the Commission statement annexed to this resolution;
 3. Calls on the Commission to refer the matter to Parliament again if it intends to amend its proposal substantially or replace it with another text;
 4. Instructs its President to forward its position to the Council, the Commission and the national parliaments.

¹ OJ C 229, 31.7.2012, p. 119.

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Position of the European Parliament adopted at first reading on 23 May 2013 with a view to the adoption of Regulation (EU) No .../2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council on the non-commercial movement of pet animals and repealing Regulation (EC) No 998/2003

(As an agreement was reached between Parliament and Council, Parliament's position corresponds to the final legislative act, Regulation (EU) No 576/2013)

ANNEX TO THE LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION

Commission Statement

Within the framework of the European Union Strategy for the Protection and Welfare of Animals¹, the Commission will study the welfare of dogs and cats involved in commercial practices.

If the outcome of that study indicates health risks arising from those commercial practices, the Commission will consider appropriate options for the protection of human and animal health, including proposing to the European Parliament and to the Council appropriate adaptations to current Union legislation on trade in dogs and cats, including the introduction of compatible systems for their registration accessible across Member States.

In light of the above, the Commission will assess the feasibility and appropriateness of an extension of such registration systems to dogs and cats marked and identified in accordance with Union legislation on non-commercial movements of pet animals.

¹ COM(2012)0006 - Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council and the European Economic and Social Committee on the European Union Strategy for the Protection and Welfare of Animals 2012-2015.