

Procedure file

Basic information		
CNS - Consultation procedure Directive	1996/0109(CNS)	Procedure completed
Veterinary checks on products entering the Community from third countries		
Repealed by 2013/0140(COD)		
Subject 3.10.08 Animal health requirements, veterinary legislation and pharmacy		

Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
	ENVI Environment, Public Health and Consumer Protection		23/07/1996
		ELDR OLSSON Karl Erik	
	Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
	AGRI Agriculture and Rural Development		17/06/1996
		PSE KINDERMANN Heinz	
Council of the European Union	BUDG Budgets		
	JURI Legal Affairs, Citizens' Rights		19/12/1996
		PSE GEBHARDT Evelyne	
	PECH Fisheries		
Council of the European Union	Council configuration	Meeting	Date
	Fisheries	2063	18/12/1997
	Agriculture and Fisheries	2061	15/12/1997

Key events			
20/05/1996	Legislative proposal published	COM(1996)0170	Summary
17/06/1996	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
05/02/1997	Vote in committee		Summary
05/02/1997	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A4-0033/1997	
19/02/1997	Decision by Parliament	T4-0047/1997	Summary
27/06/1997	Modified legislative proposal published	COM(1997)0321	Summary
18/12/1997	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		

18/12/1997	End of procedure in Parliament		
30/01/1998	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information

Procedure reference	1996/0109(CNS)
Procedure type	CNS - Consultation procedure
Procedure subtype	Legislation
Legislative instrument	Directive
	Repealed by 2013/0140(COD)
Legal basis	EC before Amsterdam E 100A
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed

Documentation gateway

Legislative proposal		COM(1996)0170	20/05/1996	EC	Summary
Economic and Social Committee: opinion, report		CES1395/1996 OJ C 066 03.03.1997, p. 0042	27/11/1996	ESC	Summary
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		A4-0033/1997 OJ C 085 17.03.1997, p. 0004	05/02/1997	EP	
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		T4-0047/1997 OJ C 085 17.03.1997, p. 0056-0072	19/02/1997	EP	Summary
Modified legislative proposal		COM(1997)0321	27/06/1997	EC	Summary

Additional information

European Commission	EUR-Lex
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Final act

Directive 1997/78 OJ L 024 30.01.1998, p. 0009 Summary
Final legislative act with provisions for delegated acts

Veterinary checks on products entering the Community from third countries

OBJECTIVE: the proposal for a Council directive aims to lay down common principles governing the organisation of veterinary checks and the movement within the Community of products of animal origin from third countries. CONTENT: since the entry into force of Directive 90/675/EEC, experience has been gained and developments have taken place with regard to its implementation which, together with reasons of transparency, make the following modifications necessary: - for all products of animal origin imported from third countries, a single checking regime should be applied and all unnecessary provisions concerning bilateral agreements should be abolished; - in the new system of veterinary checks, the separate identity check should be abolished since only a documentary and a physical check need to be carried out; - for products arriving at the Community border without having the Community as a final destination, strict rules must ensure that these products leave the Community; - measures need to be laid down for consignments which have been brought into the Community without being presented for veterinary checks and for the re-entry of Community consignments refused by a third country. ?

Veterinary checks on products entering the Community from third countries

In adopting the report by Mr Karl-Erik OLSSON (ELDR, S) Parliament amended the Commission proposal simplifying the procedures for veterinary checks on imports of animals from third countries. It called for the proposal to be based on Article 100a (internal market) and Article 189b of the EC Treaty (codecision procedure) rather than Article 43 of the EC Treaty (agriculture, consultation procedure). The report required

that on entry into the Community, products conforming to Community standards and those which do not are to be stored in separate places and marked accordingly. Also, physical checks carried out exceptionally where there may be a risk to public or animal health, or when irregularities are suspected, may take place at an approved border inspection post on each occasion. Parliament also called for the Commission to be assisted by the standing veterinary committee set up by Council Decision 68/361/EEC and for the committee to meet as a rule in public, unless a specific decision is taken to the contrary. Lastly, the report proposed that the new system should be put in place from 1 January 1998 rather than 1 January 1997 to allow Member States to adapt their information system. ?

Veterinary checks on products entering the Community from third countries

The European Commission amended its proposal in the light of the European Parliament's opinion. The amendments seek to: - clarify the text; - provide a more flexible approach to sanctions; - provide for Article 100A of the Treaty to be used as the legal basis rather than Article 43.?

Veterinary checks on products entering the Community from third countries

OBJECTIVE: to lay down common principles governing the organization of veterinary checks and the movement within the Community of products of animal origin from third countries. COMMUNITY MEASURE: Council Directive 97/78/EC. CONTENT: the directive lays down common rules governing the veterinary controls to be carried out by Member States on products of animal and origin and crop products entering the Community from third countries. It seeks to prevent the spread of contagious diseases by harmonizing the measures needed to protect the health of persons and animals and regulate the problem of the measures to be taken in the event that findings are made during controls. ENTRY INTO FORCE: 19 February 1998 DEADLINE FOR TRANSPOSITION: 1 July 1999.?