

Procedure file

Basic information		
CNS - Consultation procedure Decision	1996/0234(CNS)	Procedure completed
Reference laboratories for the monitoring of marine biotoxins		
Subject 3.15.01 Fish stocks, conservation of fishery resources		

Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
	PECH Fisheries		19/01/1999
		PPE FRAGA ESTÉVEZ Carmen	
	Former committee responsible		19/11/1996
	PECH Fisheries	ARE MACARTNEY Allan	
	Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
JURI Legal Affairs, Citizens' Rights			08/12/1998
		PSE GEBHARDT Evelyne	
	Former committee for opinion		
ENVI Environment, Public Health and Consumer Protection		The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
Council of the European Union	Council configuration	Meeting	Date
	Industry	2174	29/04/1999

Key events			
25/09/1996	Legislative proposal published	COM(1996)0464	Summary
23/10/1996	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
12/05/1997	Modified legislative proposal published	COM(1997)0210	Summary
21/05/1997	Vote in committee		Summary
21/05/1997	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A4-0177/1997	
13/06/1997	Debate in Parliament		Summary
13/06/1997	Decision by Parliament	T4-0345/1997	Summary

01/12/1998	Formal reconsultation of Parliament		
26/12/1998	Amended legislative proposal for reconsultation published	10339/1996	
30/03/1999	Vote in committee		Summary
30/03/1999	Committee report tabled for plenary, reconsultation	A4-0179/1999	
13/04/1999	Decision by Parliament	T4-0240/1999	Summary
29/04/1999	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		
29/04/1999	End of procedure in Parliament		
08/05/1999	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information

Procedure reference	1996/0234(CNS)
Procedure type	CNS - Consultation procedure
Procedure subtype	Legislation
Legislative instrument	Decision
Legal basis	EC before Amsterdam E 043
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed

Documentation gateway

Legislative proposal	COM(1996)0464 OJ C 331 06.11.1996, p. 0012	25/09/1996	EC	Summary
Economic and Social Committee: opinion, report	CES1398/1996 OJ C 066 03.03.1997, p. 0047	27/11/1996	ESC	Summary
Modified legislative proposal	COM(1997)0210 OJ C 189 20.06.1997, p. 0009	12/05/1997	EC	Summary
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A4-0177/1997 OJ C 182 16.06.1997, p. 0002	21/05/1997	EP	
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading	T4-0345/1997 OJ C 200 30.06.1997, p. 0245-0257	13/06/1997	EP	Summary
Amended legislative proposal for reconsultation	10339/1996	26/12/1998	CSL	
Committee final report tabled for plenary, reconsultation	A4-0179/1999 OJ C 219 30.07.1999, p. 0008	30/03/1999	EP	
Text adopted by Parliament after reconsultation	T4-0240/1999 OJ C 219 30.07.1999, p. 0022-0056	13/04/1999	EP	Summary

Additional information

European Commission	EUR-Lex
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Final act

[Decision 1999/312](#)
[OJ L 120 08.05.1999, p. 0037](#) Summary

Reference laboratories for the monitoring of marine biotoxins

OBJECTIVE: amend Decision 93/383/EEC on reference laboratories for the monitoring of marine biotoxins. SUBSTANCE: a proposal is made to amend the annex to Decision 93/383/EEC in order to specify that the national reference laboratory for the monitoring of marine biotoxins in the United Kingdom will henceforth be the Marine Laboratory (replacing the Torry Research Station). Should the Member States make further changes in the designation of their national reference laboratories, a proposal is also made to introduce a clause governing the revision of the annex by the Commission at the request of a Member State. ?

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Following the Commission's undertaking to Parliament that it would introduce the codecision procedure provided for by Article 100a of the EC Treaty for any proposal concerning public health, the Commission amended its initial proposal. The legal basis was therefore altered from Article 43 to Article 100a of the EC Treaty, and the title, citations and recitals were amended accordingly. ?

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Adopting the report by Mr Allan MACARTNEY (ARE, UK), the Committee on Fisheries approved the proposal to amend Decision 93/383/EEC on reference laboratories for the monitoring of marine biotoxins. The aim of this proposal is to take account of the change in the reference laboratory in the United Kingdom and to ensure that the list of these national reference laboratories can be revised in future at the request of the Member State in question. This proposal responds to the need to simplify administrative procedures wherever possible.?

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The rapporteur explained that his report stemmed from the closure of the marine observation laboratory in Aberdeen in Scotland. He said that this decision, dictated by reasons of financial austerity, had adversely affected the region's well-being as the laboratory used to ensure the safety of people's food faced with the risks of botulism, salmonella and E. coli 0157. Commissioner Gradin was pleased with the support given by the rapporteur and the Committee on Fisheries to the Commission initiative on public health.

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In adopting the report by Mr Alan MACARTNEY (ARE, UK), Parliament approved the proposal amending Decision 93/383/EEC on reference laboratories for the monitoring of marine biotoxins. It proposes a change in the legal basis (from Article 43 to Article 101 of the EC Treaty). ?

Reference laboratories for the monitoring of marine biotoxins

The Committee has adopted the draft report by its Chair, Carmen Fraga Estévez (EPP, E), on the legal basis for the proposal and the modified proposal for a Parliament and Council decision amending Decision 93/383/EEC on reference laboratories for the monitoring of marine biotoxins. The rapporteur disputes the appropriateness of the legal basis proposed by the Council and, having consulted the Committee on Legal Affairs and Citizens' Rights, argues that the Commission proposal should be based on Article 100a, not Article 43, of the EC Treaty. In essence, Parliament wants to have the power of codecision rather than ordinary consultation.?

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The European Parliament approved without debate the report by Carmen Fraga Estévez (PPE,ES), which rejects the proposed change of legal basis of the proposal and amended proposal for a European Parliament and Council decision amending Council decision 93/383/EEC of 14/06/93 on reference laboratories for the monitoring of marine biotoxins.?

Reference laboratories for the monitoring of marine biotoxins

PURPOSE: to amend decision 93/383/EEC on reference laboratories for the monitoring of marine biotoxins. COMMUNITY MEASURE: Council decision 1999/312/EC. CONTENT: The laboratories originally designated by Belgium, Finland, Germany, Greece, Spain, Italy, the

United Kingdom and Sweden as national laboratories for the monitoring of marine biotoxins no longer fulfil the functions for which they were designated or have in the meantime changed their name. As a result, this decision amends the annex to decision 93/383/EEC accordingly to take account of notifications submitted by the Member States concerning national reference laboratories. The decision also allows the Commission the option of amending the Annex following any notification submitted to it. ENTRY INTO FORCE: 08/05/1999.?