


# Procedure file

Basic information		
CNS - Consultation procedure Regulation	<a href="#">1998/0811(CNS)</a>	Procedure completed
Foodstuffs produced from GMOs : compulsory indication on the labelling		
Subject 3.10.09.06 Agro-genetics, GMOs 4.60.02 Consumer information, advertising, labelling		

Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
	<b>ENVI</b> Environment, Public Health and Consumer Protection	PSE <a href="#">COLLINS Kenneth D.</a>	16/04/1998
Council of the European Union	Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
	<b>AGRI</b> Agriculture and Rural Development		
Council of the European Union	Council configuration	Meeting	Date
	<a href="#">Agriculture and Fisheries</a>	<a href="#">2332</a>	26/02/2001
	<a href="#">Agriculture and Fisheries</a>	<a href="#">2098</a>	26/05/1998
	<a href="#">Competitiveness (Internal Market, Industry, Research and Space)</a>	<a href="#">2094</a>	18/05/1998

Key events			
25/02/1998	Legislative proposal published	COM(1998)0099	Summary
29/04/1998	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
11/05/1998	Vote in committee		
11/05/1998	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	<a href="#">A4-0181/1998</a>	
13/05/1998	Debate in Parliament		
14/05/1998	Decision by Parliament	T4-0279/1998	Summary
18/05/1998	Debate in Council	<a href="#">2094</a>	
26/05/1998	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		
26/05/1998	End of procedure in Parliament		
03/06/1998	Final act published in Official Journal		

**Technical information**

Procedure reference	1998/0811(CNS)
Procedure type	CNS - Consultation procedure
Procedure subtype	Legislation
Legislative instrument	Regulation
Legal basis	EC before Amsterdam E 000
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	ENVI/4/09996

**Documentation gateway**

Legislative proposal	COM(1998)0099	25/02/1998	EC	Summary
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	<a href="#">A4-0181/1998</a> <a href="#">OJ C 167 01.06.1998, p. 0012</a>	11/05/1998	EP	
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading	T4-0279/1998 <a href="#">OJ C 167 01.06.1998, p. 0172-0189</a>	14/05/1998	EP	Summary

**Additional information**

European Commission	<a href="#">EUR-Lex</a>
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**Final act**

<a href="#">Regulation 1998/1139</a> <a href="#">OJ L 159 03.06.1998, p. 0004</a> Summary
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**Foodstuffs produced from GMOs : compulsory indication on the labelling**

OBJECTIVE: to make it compulsory to indicate on the labelling of certain foodstuffs produced from genetically modified organisms particulars other than those provided for in Directive 79/112/EEC. SUBSTANCE: the proposal for a Regulation applies to foods and food ingredients which are to be delivered as such to the final consumer produced, in whole or in part, from: - genetically modified soya beans covered by Decision 96/281/EC; - genetically modified maize covered by Decision 97/28/EC. It is proposed that the above foodstuffs be subject to additional labelling requirements. ?

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In adopting the report by Mr Kenneth D. COLLINS (PSE, UK) Parliament approved the proposal for a regulation subject to 11 amendments which sought to: - allow tests to be carried out to establish the presence of protein. If genetically modified proteins are detected this should be indicated; - eliminate the ambiguities in labelling. If protein or DNA resulting from genetic modification are detected this should be indicated; - stipulate that in the event of chance contamination a minimum threshold of genetically modified ingredients must be present before it is compulsory to indicate them; - call for similar provisions to be applied for all novel foods. Finally Parliament hoped that the Commission would invite the Scientific Committee for Food to examine before 31 December 1998 the practicality of setting a de minimis threshold for modified protein or DNA below which a product would be considered to be unmodified and if necessary to forward appropriate proposals. ?

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OBJECTIVE: to make it compulsory to indicate on the labelling of certain foodstuffs produced from genetically modified organisms information other than that provided for by Directive 79/112/EEC. COMMUNITY MEASURE: Council Regulation (EC) No 1139/98. SUBSTANCE: the Regulation applies to foods and food ingredients which are to be delivered as such to the final consumer produced in whole or in part from: - genetically modified soya beans covered by Decision 96/281/EC, - genetically modified maize covered by Decision 97/28/EC. These foods are subject to additional labelling requirements laid down in this Regulation. However, the requirements do not apply to foods which contain

neither protein nor DNA resulting from genetic modification. A list of products not subject to the additional labelling requirements will be drawn up, taking account of technical developments, the opinion of the Scientific Committee on Food and any other relevant scientific advice. ENTRY INTO FORCE: 03/09/1998. ?

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At the request of the Italian delegation, the Council discussed the question of interim measures requiring the labelling of animal feed containing genetically modified plant products as from July 2001 at the latest. It was underlined that there is an agreement that common rules for GMO labelling of feeds should be provided without delay. It also urged the Commission to speed up work on presenting a proposal. ?