

Procedure file

Basic information	
COD - Ordinary legislative procedure (ex-codecision procedure) Decision	2000/0182(COD) Procedure completed
Products of animal origin, human consumption: health rules (amend. Directives 89/662/EEC, 91/67/EEC). Food hygiene package	
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Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
	ENVI Environment, Public Health, Consumer Policy	PPE-DE SCHNELLHARDT Horst	29/08/2000
	Former committee responsible	PPE-DE SCHNELLHARDT Horst	29/08/2000
	Former committee for opinion	V/ALE LUCAS Caroline	19/09/2000
	AGRI Agriculture and Rural Development	V/ALE AUROI Danielle	14/07/2000
	PECH Fisheries	UEN GALLAGHER Pat the Cope	19/09/2000
Council of the European Union	Council configuration	Meeting	Date
	Environment	2536	27/10/2003
	Agriculture and Fisheries	2524	22/07/2003
	Agriculture and Fisheries	2348	22/05/2001
	Competitiveness (Internal Market, Industry, Research and Space)	2289	28/09/2000
European Commission	Commission DG Health and Food Safety	Commissioner	

Key events

14/07/2000	Legislative proposal published	COM(2000)0438	Summary
04/09/2000	Committee referral announced in Parliament, 1st reading		
28/09/2000	Debate in Council	2289	
22/05/2001	Debate in Council	2348	
30/04/2003	Vote in committee, 1st reading		Summary
30/04/2003	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading	A5-0149/2003	
03/06/2003	Decision by Parliament, 1st reading	T5-0228/2003	Summary
23/07/2003	Modified legislative proposal published	COM(2003)0455	Summary
27/10/2003	Council position published	11584/1/2003	Summary
15/01/2004	Committee referral announced in Parliament, 2nd reading		
08/03/2004	Vote in committee, 2nd reading		Summary
08/03/2004	Committee recommendation tabled for plenary, 2nd reading	A5-0130/2004	
30/03/2004	Debate in Parliament		
30/03/2004	Decision by Parliament, 2nd reading	T5-0218/2004	Summary
21/04/2004	Final act signed		
21/04/2004	End of procedure in Parliament		
30/04/2004	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information

Procedure reference	2000/0182(COD)
Procedure type	COD - Ordinary legislative procedure (ex-codecision procedure)
Procedure subtype	Legislation
Legislative instrument	Decision
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Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	ENVI/5/19653

Documentation gateway

Legislative proposal	COM(2000)0438	14/07/2000	EC	Summary
Economic and Social Committee: opinion, report	CES0405/2001 OJ C 155 29.05.2001, p. 0039	28/03/2001	ESC	
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A5-0149/2003	30/04/2003	EP	
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading	T5-0228/2003 OJ C 068 18.03.2004, p. 0021-0076 E	03/06/2003	EP	Summary

Modified legislative proposal	COM(2003)0455	23/07/2003	EC	Summary
Council statement on its position	12133/2003	09/10/2003	CSL	
Council position	11584/1/2003 OJ C 048 24.02.2004, p. 0131-0136 E	27/10/2003	CSL	Summary
Commission communication on Council's position	SEC(2003)1450	19/12/2003	EC	Summary
Committee recommendation tabled for plenary, 2nd reading	A5-0130/2004	08/03/2004	EP	
Text adopted by Parliament, 2nd reading	T5-0218/2004 OJ C 103 29.04.2004, p. 0035-0327 E	30/03/2004	EP	Summary
Commission opinion on Parliament's position at 2nd reading	COM(2004)0345	28/04/2004	EC	Summary

Additional information

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[OJ L 195 02.06.2004, p. 0012-0015](#) Summary

Products of animal origin, human consumption: health rules (amend. Directives 89/662/EEC, 91/67/EEC). Food hygiene package

PURPOSE : to present a proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council repealing certain Directives on the hygiene of foodstuffs and the health conditions for the production and placing on the market of certain products of animal origin intended for human consumption, and amending Directives 89/662/EEC and 91/67/EEC. **CONTENT** : the present proposal proposes to repeal Directives relating to in particular: - the hygiene of foodstuffs; - health conditions for the production and marketing of fresh meat; - health problems affecting the production and placing on the market of fresh poultry meat; - the examination for trichinae (*Trichinella spiralis*) upon importation from third countries of fresh meat derived from domestic swine; - animal health problems affecting intra-Community trade in meat products; - on general conditions of hygiene in milk production holdings; - health conditions for the production and the placing on the market of fishery products ; - public health and animal health problems affecting the production and placing on the market of rabbit meat and farmed game meat as well as wild game meat; - the placing on the market of raw milk, heat treated milk and milk-based products.?

Products of animal origin, human consumption: health rules (amend. Directives 89/662/EEC, 91/67/EEC). Food hygiene package

The committee adopted the report by Horst SCHNELLHARDT (EPP-ED, D) approving the proposal under the 1st reading of the codecision procedure, subject to just one amendment. Rather than specifying 1 January 2004 as the deadline by which Member States must comply with the directive, the committee wanted to see a greater degree of flexibility and therefore proposed that the deadline should be one year after the adoption of the directive.?

Products of animal origin, human consumption: health rules (amend. Directives 89/662/EEC, 91/67/EEC). Food hygiene package

The European Parliament adopted its resolution drafted by Horst SCHNELLHARDT (EPP-ED, Germany) making one amendment to the Commission's proposal. (Please see the document dated 30/04/03).?

Products of animal origin, human consumption: health rules (amend. Directives 89/662/EEC, 91/67/EEC). Food hygiene package

The proposal foresees that Member States shall bring into force the laws, regulations and administrative provisions necessary to comply with

this Directive by 1 January 2004 at the latest. They shall forthwith inform the Commission thereof. The amendment of the European Parliament states that Member States shall bring into force the laws, regulations and administrative provisions necessary to comply with this Directive by one year after the entry into force of the Directive. They shall forthwith inform the Commission thereof. The Commission is of the opinion that this seems like a reasonable approach since the formal adoption of the package of proposals is foreseen for after 1 January 2004.?

Products of animal origin, human consumption: health rules (amend. Directives 89/662/EEC, 91/67/EEC). Food hygiene package

The Council is pleased to note that the Commission accepts its common position and that the draft Regulation is consistent with the aim of the amendment that the European Parliament adopted at first reading. It hopes that this will permit the rapid adoption of the Directive and of the remainder of hygiene package. The main changes to the Council's common position are as follows: - Date of application : the main concern of the Council with regard to this proposal was to ensure that all the proposals of the package apply from the same date and that Member States are given enough time to adapt to the new situation. The Council therefore decided that for all the proposals of the package the measures should apply 18 months after entry into force and at the earliest on 1 January 2006. Although the date of application in the common position is not identical to the one proposed in the amendment of the European Parliament, it must be considered that the objectives pursued by the Council do not conflict with the objectives pursued by the European Parliament in the amendments on this subject in the different proposals of the package. - Repeal of existing Directives : originally, the Commission had included the repeal of all existing food hygiene Directives in the fifth proposal of the package. In the common position, the Council proceeds to the repeal of Directive 93/43/EEC on general food hygiene within the context of the first proposal, and of the remaining 16 Directives in the fifth proposal. - Saving and standstill clause : the Commission's proposal provides for a saving clause in order to ensure that essential temperature and microbiological requirements would remain in place and that implementing decisions taken on the basis of the repealed acts would continue to apply. In the common position, these elements have been respected. In addition, the Council has made provision for the implementing rules that are based on Annex II of Directive 92/118/EEC to continue to apply (except for Decision 94/371 laying down specific public health conditions for the putting on the market of certain types of eggs), the content of which has been largely integrated in the second proposal of the food hygiene package). The Council has also made provision for the implementing decisions of Decision 95/408/EEC to continue to apply. These implementing decisions contain the lists of establishments in third countries that are authorised to export food of animal origin to the EC.?

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The committee adopted the report by Horst SCHNELLHARDT (EPP-ED, D) approving the Council's common position without amendment under the 2nd reading of the codecision procedure. ?

Products of animal origin, human consumption: health rules (amend. Directives 89/662/EEC, 91/67/EEC). Food hygiene package

The European Parliament has adopted the four reports by Mr Horst SCHNELLHARDT (EPP-ED, D) on the reform community legislation concerning the hygiene of foodstuffs. The Parliament reintroduced amendments from the first reading which were not supported by the Commission and were not included in the Council's common position. Notable disagreements include the application of the HACCP system to primary production (Annex I of the Hygiene Package) as well as the powers of the Commission to use the comitology procedure to modify the legislation's annexes on hygiene rules applicable to primary production and other types of food business (Annex II), on the specific rules on products of animal origin (Annex II - meat (red meat, poultry and game), milk, bivalve molluscs (oysters, mussels, clams etc.) and fish and on imports of animal products from third countries (Annex III). The Parliament underlined that official controls of fresh meat should in principle be carried out by official staff. However, the Member States may allow slaughterhouse staff to perform certain specific activities under the supervision of the official veterinarian but - according to two amendments adopted by MEPs - this possibility should be restricted to poultry and rabbit meat. These two particularly controversial points supported by Parliament are contested by both the Council and the Commission. Their adoption by Parliament probably means that conciliation will be necessary. The House also adopted an amendment which calls on Member States to ensure that food business operators offer all assistance needed to ensure that official controls carried out by the competent authority can be performed effectively. They should in particular give access to all buildings, premises, installations or other infrastructures; and make available any documentation and record required under the present regulation or considered necessary by the competent authority for judging the situation.?

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PURPOSE : fifth proposal of a package of five proposals consolidating and updating current Community rules on food hygiene. LEGISLATIVE ACT : Directive 2004/41/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council repealing certain Directives on the hygiene of foodstuffs and the health conditions for the production and placing on the market of certain products of animal origin intended for human consumption and amending Directives 89/662/EEC and 91/67/EEC. CONTENT : the Directive shall : - repeal 17 Directives on food hygiene, - amend other Directives having a direct link to food hygiene, - introduce a saving and standstill clause in order to ensure that essential temperature and microbiological requirements would remain in place and that the implementing rules based on the repealed Directives continue to apply. ENTRY INTO FORCE : 30/04/2004.?

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The European Parliament proposed no amendments at second reading. The Commission, therefore, does not need to modify the proposal.?