

Procedure file

Basic information		
CNS - Consultation procedure Decision	2001/0278(CNS)	Procedure completed
Animal protection: convention on vertebrates used for experimental and scientific purposes, protocol of amendment		
Subject 4.20.02.06 Clinical practice and experiments		

Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
	ENVI Environment, Public Health, Consumer Policy		22/01/2002
		PPE-DE JACKSON Caroline	
	Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
	JURI Legal Affairs and Internal Market		07/01/2002
		UEN CROWLEY Brian	
Council of the European Union	Council configuration	Meeting	Date
	Agriculture and Fisheries	2524	22/07/2003
European Commission	Commission DG	Commissioner	
	Environment		

Key events			
28/11/2001	Legislative proposal published	COM(2001)0704	Summary
04/02/2002	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
18/06/2002	Vote in committee		Summary
18/06/2002	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A5-0238/2002	
02/07/2002	Decision by Parliament	T5-0340/2002	Summary
22/07/2003	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		
22/07/2003	End of procedure in Parliament		
06/08/2003	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information	
Procedure reference	2001/0278(CNS)
Procedure type	CNS - Consultation procedure
Procedure subtype	International agreement
Legislative instrument	Decision
Legal basis	EC Treaty (after Amsterdam) EC 300-p2/3-a1; EC Treaty (after Amsterdam) EC 095
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	ENVI/5/15522

Documentation gateway					
Legislative proposal		COM(2001)0704 OJ C 025 29.01.2002, p. 0538 E	28/11/2001	EC	Summary
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		A5-0238/2002	18/06/2002	EP	
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		T5-0340/2002 OJ C 271 12.11.2003, p. 0029-0152 E	02/07/2002	EP	Summary

Additional information	
European Commission	EUR-Lex

Final act
Decision 2003/584 OJ L 198 06.08.2003, p. 0010-0012 Summary

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PURPOSE: To allow Community signature to the Protocol of Amendment to the European Convention for the protection of vertebrate animals used for experimental and other scientific purposes. **CONTENT:** The Community became a Party to the 1986 Council of Europe Convention for the protection of vertebrate animals used for experimental and other scientific purposes in 1998. The implementing tool for the Convention is Directive 86/609/EEC on the protection of animals used for experimental and other scientific purposes. Since becoming a Party to the Convention, the Council of Europe has opened for signature a "Protocol of Amendment", which will allow the Appendices of the Convention to be amended via a simplified procedure, instead of via a fully-fledged amendment to the Convention which would necessitate ratification by all of the Parties to the Convention. In essence the aim of the Protocol of Amendment is to allow for speedy changes to the Appendices as and when technological developments necessitate - in particular Appendix A which covers guidelines for the housing and care of laboratory animals. The Commission therefore proposes the Council approve this Protocol on behalf of the Community and to authorise the designation of the person or persons empowered to sign the Protocol. Additionally, and along side the signature, Directive 86/609/EEC should be amended to include the Regulatory Committee procedures concerning the exercise of implementing powers conferred on the Commission. It is finally recommended that the Council should only allow the signature to take place once those Member States who are also Parties to the Convention have ratified the Protocol of Amendment themselves.?

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The committee adopted the report by Caroline JACKSON (EPP-ED, UK) approving the proposal without amendment under the consultation procedure.?

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PURPOSE : to conclude the Protocol of Amendment to the European Convention for the protection of vertebrate animals used for experimental and other scientific purposes. COMMUNITY MEASURE : Council Decision 2003/584/EC. CONTENT : Directive 86/609/EEC sets out common rules incorporating the principles, objectives and main provisions of the European Convention referred to above. The provisions contained in the Appendices to the Convention are of a technical nature and reflect the latest scientific and technical developments and results in the research within the fields covered. It was felt appropriate to revise these provisions periodically, through a simplified procedure. On 22 June 1998 a Protocol of Amendment setting out a simplified procedure to amend the Appendices to the Convention was been opened for signature by the Signatories to the Convention. In essence the aim of the Protocol of Amendment is to allow for speedy changes to the Appendices as and when technological developments necessitate - in particular Appendix A which covers guidelines for the housing and care of laboratory animals. This Decision approves the Protocol of Amendment and the text of the Protocol of Amendment is attached to this Decision. The document provides that signature by the Community will only take place once those Member States who are also Parties to the European Convention have completed procedures to conclude the Protocol of Amendment. ?