

Procedure file

Basic information		
CNS - Consultation procedure Decision	2002/0062(CNS)	Procedure completed
Biosafety: transfer, handling and use of living modified organisms, Cartagena Protocol See also 2012/0120(NLE) Subject 3.10.09.06 Agro-genetics, GMOs 3.50.08 New technologies; biotechnology 3.70 Environmental policy 3.70.01 Protection of natural resources: fauna, flora, nature, wildlife, countryside; biodiversity 3.70.20 Sustainable development 4.20 Public health 6.20 Common commercial policy in general		

Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
	ENVI Environment, Public Health, Consumer Policy		27/03/2002
		GUE/NGL SJÖSTEDT Jonas	
	Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
	JURI Legal Affairs and Internal Market	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
	ITRE Industry, External Trade, Research, Energy	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
Council of the European Union	Council configuration	Meeting	Date
	Environment	2439	25/06/2002
European Commission	Commission DG	Commissioner	
	Environment		

Key events			
13/03/2002	Legislative proposal published	COM(2002)0127	Summary
13/05/2002	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
23/05/2002	Vote in committee		Summary
23/05/2002	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A5-0185/2002	
11/06/2002	Decision by Parliament	T5-0289/2002	Summary
25/06/2002	Act adopted by Council after consultation		

	of Parliament		
25/06/2002	End of procedure in Parliament		
31/08/2002	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information

Procedure reference	2002/0062(CNS)
Procedure type	CNS - Consultation procedure
Procedure subtype	International agreement
Legislative instrument	Decision
	See also 2012/0120(NLE)
Legal basis	EC Treaty (after Amsterdam) EC 175-p1; EC Treaty (after Amsterdam) EC 300-p2
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	ENVI/5/16042

Documentation gateway

Legislative proposal		COM(2002)0127 , OJ C 181 30.07.2002, p. 0258 E	13/03/2002	EC	Summary
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		A5-0185/2002	23/05/2002	EP	
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		T5-0289/2002 OJ C 261 30.10.2003, p. 0029-0097 E	11/06/2002	EP	Summary

Additional information

European Commission	EUR-Lex
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Final act

Decision 2002/628 OJ L 201 31.08.2002, p. 0048-0065 Summary

Biosafety: transfer, handling and use of living modified organisms, Cartagena Protocol

PURPOSE : the conclusion of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety. CONTENT : the promotion of measures at international level to deal with regional or worldwide environmental problems, including the conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity, is one of the objectives of the Community's policy on the environment. The Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety was adopted in Montreal on 29 January 2000. It provides a framework, based on the precautionary principle, for the safe transfer, handling and use of living modified organisms resulting from modern biotechnology that may have adverse effects on the conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity, taking into account risks to human health and specifically focussing on transboundary movements. This proposal approves the Protocol on behalf of the Community.?

Biosafety: transfer, handling and use of living modified organisms, Cartagena Protocol

The committee adopted the report by Jonas SJÖSTEDT (EUL/NGL, S) approving the proposal without amendment under the consultation procedure.?

Biosafety: transfer, handling and use of living modified organisms, Cartagena Protocol

Using its procedure without debate, the European Parliament adopted its resolution drafted by Jonas SJOSTEDT (EUL/NGL, Sw) and approved the proposal by 502 votes in favour, 3 against and 23 abstentions.?

Biosafety: transfer, handling and use of living modified organisms, Cartagena Protocol

PURPOSE : to approve, on behalf of the Community, the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety. COMMUNITY MEASURE : Council Decision 2002/628/EC concerning the conclusion, on behalf of the European Community, of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety. CONTENT : the Council adopted a Decision approving the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety on behalf of the Community. The Member States, which must also ratify the Protocol at national level, undertook to take all necessary measures to finalise their ratification procedures as soon as possible. This Decision will enable the European Union - which would like to ensure that as much progress as possible is made with regard to all the major Conventions resulting from the 1992 Rio Conference - to inform the World Conference on Sustainable Development taking place in Johannesburg from 26 August to 4 September 2002 that its ratification procedure has been completed. Finalised in Montreal in January 2000 and linked to the Convention on Biodiversity (CBD), the Protocol is an environmental agreement covering, among other issues, the identification and labelling of living modified organisms (LMOs) and the transboundary movements of such organisms.?