



Procedure file

Basic information		
CNS - Consultation procedure Directive	2002/0229(CNS)	Procedure completed
Animal health requirements: bovine semen, trade and imports (amend. Directive 88/407/EEC)		
Subject 3.10.03 Marketing and trade of agricultural products and livestock 3.10.08 Animal health requirements, veterinary legislation and pharmacy		

Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
	 Agriculture and Rural Development		05/11/2002
		PSE KINDERMANN Heinz	
	Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
	 Environment, Public Health, Consumer Policy	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
Council of the European Union	Council configuration	Meeting	Date
	Agriculture and Fisheries	2511	26/05/2003
European Commission	Commission DG Health and Food Safety	Commissioner	

Key events			
25/09/2002	Legislative proposal published	COM(2002)0527	Summary
10/10/2002	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
19/03/2003	Vote in committee		Summary
19/03/2003	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A5-0076/2003	
08/04/2003	Decision by Parliament	T5-0136/2003	Summary
26/05/2003	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		
26/05/2003	End of procedure in Parliament		
11/06/2003	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information	

Procedure reference	2002/0229(CNS)
Procedure type	CNS - Consultation procedure
Procedure subtype	Legislation
Legislative instrument	Directive
Legal basis	EC Treaty (after Amsterdam) EC 037
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	AGRI/5/16771

Documentation gateway

Legislative proposal		COM(2002)0527 OJ C 020 28.01.2003, p. 0246 E	25/09/2002	EC	Summary
Economic and Social Committee: opinion, report		CES1359/2002 OJ C 085 08.04.2003, p. 0040-0042	11/12/2002	ESC	
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		A5-0076/2003	19/03/2003	EP	
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		T5-0136/2003 OJ C 064 12.03.2004, p. 0022-0079 E	08/04/2003	EP	Summary

Additional information

European Commission	EUR-Lex
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Final act

Directive 2003/43 OJ L 143 11.06.2003, p. 0023-0032 Summary
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Animal health requirements: bovine semen, trade and imports (amend. Directive 88/407/EEC)

PURPOSE : to present a proposal for a Council Directive amending Directive 88/407/EEC laying down the animal health requirements applicable to intra-Community trade in and imports of semen of domestic animals of the bovine species. **CONTENT** : Council Directive 88/407/EEC lays down the animal health requirements applicable to intra-Community trade in, and imports of semen of domestic animals of the bovine species. This Directive needs to be amended. The purpose of this proposal is: - to allow the storage of semen at other premises than the Artificial Insemination centre where semen was collected. - to amend, in the light of the new scientific data available and the new provisions laid down in the Office International des Epizooties (OIE), the animal health conditions applicable to entry of bulls into AI centres, in particular concerning infectious bovine rhinotracheitis (IBR/IPV) and bovine viral diarrhoea (BVD/MD). - to simplify, at the Community level, the procedure for the agreement and listing of AI centres in third countries. These lists are frequently modified on the basis of the information sent by the competent authorities of third countries (address, name, new establishment, etc.). - to allow the Commission to amend, following the comitology procedure, the annexes of Directive 88/407/EEC as they cover technical points relating to approval of centres and conditions of admission of bulls onto centres. The proposal has no financial impact on Community budget.?

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The committee adopted the report by Heinz KINDERMANN (PES, D) amending the proposal under the consultation procedure. It wanted the decision as to whether or not the establishment of semen storage centres should be approved on the territory of a Member State to be left to the Member State concerned, while at the same time pointing out that any refusal of approval must not interfere with the free movement of goods within the EU. Should a Member State decide to approve semen storage centres, it would have to guarantee permanent official supervision of such centres and the traceability of the semen. One amendment specified that, to prevent infection, movement of semen must be in one direction only (the "one-way principle") and there must be no possibility of the semen being returned to the storage centre. Furthermore, semen must be traded only between two approved collection or storage centres and must be transported in such a way as to ensure that it does not come into contact with any other batch of semen. Lastly, the committee rejected the idea of a six-month transition period for intra-Community trade in and imports of semen collected and certified in accordance with the directive formerly in force. It argued that trade in such semen should continue to be authorised without any time limit even after the new directive had entered into force, as destruction of such semen was not necessary on animal health grounds and did not make economic sense. With regard to certification, the

committee proposed that, 18 months after the entry into force of the new directive, only semen collected, processed and stored before that date should be certifiable in accordance with the provisions of Directive 88/407/EEC formerly in force. ?

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The European Parliament adopted a resolution drafted by Heinz KINDERMANN (PES, Germany) and made some amendments to the Commission's proposal. (Please refer to the summary dated 19/03/03).?

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PURPOSE : to lay down the animal health requirements applicable to intra-Community trade in and imports of semen of domestic animals of the bovine species. LEGISLATIVE ACT : Council Directive 2003/43/EC amending Directive 88/407/EEC laying down the animal health requirements applicable to intra-Community trade in and imports of semen of domestic animals of the bovine species. CONTENT : the Council adopted a Directive amending Directive 88/407/EEC laying down the animal health requirements applicable to intra-Community trade in and imports of semen of domestic animals of the bovine species. The German delegation voted against and issued a statement. The Austrian delegation abstained. The purpose of this Directive is: - to allow the storage of semen at other premises than the Artificial Insemination (AI) centre where semen was collected. - to amend, in the light of the new scientific data available and the new provisions laid down in the Office International des Epizooties (OIE), the animal health conditions applicable to entry of bulls into AI centres, in particular concerning infectious bovine rhinotracheitis (IBR/IPV) and bovine viral diarrhoea (BVD/MD). - to simplify, at the Community level, the procedure for the agreement and listing of AI centres in third countries. These lists are frequently modified on the basis of the information sent by the competent authorities of third countries (address, name, new establishment, etc.). ENTRY INTO FORCE : 11 June 2003. IMPLEMENTATION : 1 July 2004.?