

# Procedure file

Basic information		
CNS - Consultation procedure Decision	<a href="#">2003/0178(CNS)</a>	Procedure completed
Plant protection: accession of the Community to the 1951 Convention IPPC revised in 1997 on the FAO Conference		
Subject 3.10.09.02 Plant health legislation 3.70.01 Protection of natural resources: fauna, flora, nature, wildlife, countryside; biodiversity		

Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
	<b>AGRI</b> Agriculture and Rural Development		29/09/2003
		PPE-DE <a href="#">DAUL Joseph</a>	
	Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
	<b>ITRE</b> Industry, External Trade, Research, Energy	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
	<b>ENVI</b> Environment, Public Health, Consumer Policy	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
Council of the European Union	Council configuration	Meeting	Date
	<a href="#">Agriculture and Fisheries</a>	<a href="#">2599</a>	19/07/2004
European Commission	Commission DG	Commissioner	
	<a href="#">Health and Food Safety</a>		

Key events			
31/07/2003	Legislative proposal published	<a href="#">COM(2003)0470</a>	Summary
22/09/2003	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
04/11/2003	Vote in committee		Summary
04/11/2003	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	<a href="#">A5-0379/2003</a>	
18/11/2003	Decision by Parliament	<a href="#">T5-0488/2003</a>	Summary
19/07/2004	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		
19/07/2004	End of procedure in Parliament		
14/08/2004	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information	
Procedure reference	2003/0178(CNS)
Procedure type	CNS - Consultation procedure
Procedure subtype	International agreement
Legislative instrument	Decision
Legal basis	EC Treaty (after Amsterdam) EC 037; Rules of Procedure EP 52-p1; EC Treaty (after Amsterdam) EC 300-p2-a1; EC Treaty (after Amsterdam) EC 300-p3
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	AGRI/5/19916

Documentation gateway					
Legislative proposal		<a href="#">COM(2003)0470</a>	31/07/2003	EC	Summary
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		<a href="#">A5-0379/2003</a>	04/11/2003	EP	
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		<a href="#">T5-0488/2003</a> OJ C 087 07.04.2004, p. 0021-0040 E	18/11/2003	EP	Summary

Additional information	
European Commission	<a href="#">EUR-Lex</a>

Final act
<a href="#">Decision 2004/597</a> <a href="#">OJ L 267 14.08.2004, p. 0039-0053</a> Summary

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**PURPOSE :** to approve the accession of the EC to the International Plant Protection Convention, as revised by Resolution 12/97 of the FAO Conference in November 1997. **CONTENT :** the International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC) is a multilateral Treaty deposited with the Director General of FAO. The Convention was adopted in 1951 and entered into force the following year. It was subsequently amended in 1979 and the amendments entered into force in 1991. One of the primary objectives of the Convention is to secure "common and effective action to prevent the spread and introduction of pests of plants and plant products, and to provide appropriate measures for their control". The role of the Convention in relation to trade has changed significantly in recent years. It resulted in another revision of the Convention in order to bring it into line with the Agreement on the Application of Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures in the Uruguay Round Final Act and to ensure consistency with the new system for drafting International Standards in the IPPC framework. The revised text was approved by Resolution 12/97 of the FAO Conference in November 1997. This proposal aims at approving the above revised text on the behalf of the European Community with regard to matters within its competence. It also aims to provide for the adherence of the European Community to the IPPC. The Council is requested to authorise the President to deposit the instrument of accession with the Director-General of FAO.?

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The committee adopted the report by its chairman Joseph DAUL (EPP-ED, F) approving the proposal without amendment under the consultation procedure.?

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**LEGISLATIVE ACT :** Council Decision 2004/597/EC approving the accession of the European Community to the International Plant Protection Convention, as revised and approved by Resolution 12/97 of the 29th Session of the FAO Conference in November 1997.

**CONTENT :** This Decision provides that the European Community will submit a request for accession to the International Plant Protection Convention with regard to matters within its competence. The revised text of the IPPC Convention as approved by Resolution 12/97 of the 29th Session of the FAO Conference in November 1997 is set out in Annex I to the Decision.

One of the primary objectives of the IPPC Convention is to secure "common and effective action to prevent the spread and introduction of pests of plants and plant products, and to provide appropriate measures for their control". The subject matter of the IPPC Convention falls within the scope of existing Community regulations in this field.