



# Procedure file

Basic information		
CNS - Consultation procedure Directive	<a href="#">2004/0086(CNS)</a>	Procedure completed
Seed produced in third countries: examinations under official supervision and equivalence		
Amending Directive 2002/57/EC <a href="#">1995/0304(CNS)</a>		
Amending Directive 2002/55/EC <a href="#">2001/0108(CNS)</a>		
Amending Directive 2002/54/EC <a href="#">2001/0147(CNS)</a>		
Subject 3.10.06 Crop products in general, floriculture		

Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
	 Agriculture and Rural Development	PPE-DE <a href="#">DAUL Joseph</a>	26/07/2004
Council of the European Union	Council configuration	Meeting	Date
	<a href="#">Agriculture and Fisheries</a>	<a href="#">2633</a>	21/12/2004
European Commission	Commission DG <a href="#">Health and Food Safety</a>	Commissioner	

Key events			
19/04/2004	Legislative proposal published	<a href="#">COM(2004)0263</a>	Summary
15/09/2004	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
21/09/2004	Vote in committee		Summary
23/09/2004	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	<a href="#">A6-0007/2004</a>	
17/11/2004	Results of vote in Parliament		
17/11/2004	Decision by Parliament	<a href="#">T6-0051/2004</a>	Summary
21/12/2004	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		
21/12/2004	End of procedure in Parliament		
18/01/2005	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information

Procedure reference	2004/0086(CNS)
Procedure type	CNS - Consultation procedure
Procedure subtype	Legislation
Legislative instrument	Directive
	Amending Directive 2002/57/EC <a href="#">1995/0304(CNS)</a> Amending Directive 2002/55/EC <a href="#">2001/0108(CNS)</a> Amending Directive 2002/54/EC <a href="#">2001/0147(CNS)</a>
Legal basis	EC Treaty (after Amsterdam) EC 037
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	AGRI/6/22028

Documentation gateway					
Legislative proposal		<a href="#">COM(2004)0263</a>	19/04/2004	EC	Summary
Economic and Social Committee: opinion, report		<a href="#">CES1207/2004</a> <a href="#">OJ C 074 23.03.2005, p. 0055-0056</a>	15/09/2004	ESC	
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		<a href="#">A6-0007/2004</a>	23/09/2004	EP	
Supplementary legislative basic document		<a href="#">14410/2004</a>	09/11/2004	CSL	
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		<a href="#">T6-0051/2004</a> <a href="#">OJ C 201 18.08.2005, p. 0018-0062 E</a>	17/11/2004	EP	Summary

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

Final act
<a href="#">Directive 2004/117</a> <a href="#">OJ L 014 18.01.2005, p. 0018-0033</a> Summary

## Seed produced in third countries: examinations under official supervision and equivalence

PURPOSE : Extending official examination of seed produced in third countries PROPOSED ACT : Council Directive. CONTENT : From 1998-2003 the European Commission has been testing out, based on Community legislation, a temporary experiment on seed sampling and seed testing. The aim of the experiment was to assess whether seed sampling and seed testing, under official supervision, may constitute improved alternatives to official seed certification, without a significant decline in the quality of the seed. The results indicate that under specified conditions there could be a simplification of the procedures relating to official seed certification - without any significant decline in the quality of the seed compared with that achieved under the system for official seed sampling and seed testing. Further, a detailed evaluation of the certification procedures relating to field inspection and official supervision show that the field inspections under official supervision should be extended to all the crops for the production of certified seed and that the proportion of the areas to be checked and inspected by official inspectors may be reduced. The scope of EU seed "equivalence" for seed harvested in third countries is currently restricted to certain categories of seed. The Commission, taking into account rules governing the international trade in seed (and in particular OECD schemes) is seeking to extend the equivalency regime to all kinds of seeds meeting the characteristics and the examination requirements laid down in the various Community Directives on the marketing of seeds.?

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The committee adopted the report by its chairman, Joseph DAUL (EEP-ED, F), approving the proposal unamended under the consultation procedure.

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The European Parliament adopted the resolution drafted by Joseph DAUL (EPP-ED, Fr) and approved the Commission's proposal.

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PURPOSE: harmonizing controls of seeds originating in third countries

LEGISLATIVE ACT: Council Directive 2004/117/EC amending Directives 66/401/EEC, 2002/54/EC, 2002/55/EC and 2002/57/EC

CONTENT: The scope of EU seed 'equivalence' for seed harvested in third countries is currently restricted to certain categories of seed and new rules are seeking to extend the equivalency regime to all kind of seeds meeting the characteristics and the examination requirements laid down in the various Community Directives on the marketing of seeds.

An experiment aimed at assessing whether seed sampling and seed testing, under official supervision, may constitute improved alternatives to official seed certification took place between 1998 and 2003. Several Member States participated in this and results indicate that under certain conditions, there could be a simplification of the procedures relating to official seed certification without any significant decline in quality. This Directive amends Directives related to the marketing of fodder plant seed (66/401/EEC), cereal seed (66/402/EEC), beet seed (2002/54/EC), vegetable seed (2002/55/EC) and seed of oil and fibre plants (2002/57/EC).

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