


Procedure file

Basic information	
CNS - Consultation procedure Regulation	2008/0097(CNS) Procedure completed
Organic production and labelling of organic products Amending Regulation (EC) No 834/2007 2005/0278(CNS)	
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Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
	AGRI Agriculture and Rural Development		24/06/2008
		PPE-DE PARISH Neil	
	Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
	ENVI Environment, Public Health and Food Safety	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
Council of the European Union	Council configuration	Meeting	Date
	Agriculture and Fisheries	2892	29/09/2008
European Commission	Commission DG	Commissioner	
	Agriculture and Rural Development	FISCHER BOEL Mariann	

Key events			
22/05/2008	Legislative proposal published	COM(2008)0314	Summary
19/06/2008	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
14/07/2008	Vote in committee		Summary
16/07/2008	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A6-0311/2008	
02/09/2008	Results of vote in Parliament		
02/09/2008	Decision by Parliament	T6-0377/2008	Summary
29/09/2008	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		
29/09/2008	End of procedure in Parliament		
03/10/2008	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information	
Procedure reference	2008/0097(CNS)
Procedure type	CNS - Consultation procedure
Procedure subtype	Legislation

Legislative instrument	Regulation
	Amending Regulation (EC) No 834/2007 2005/0278(CNS)
Legal basis	EC Treaty (after Amsterdam) EC 037-p2
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	AGRI/6/63355

Documentation gateway

Legislative proposal	COM(2008)0314	23/05/2008	EC	Summary
Committee draft report	PE409.423	25/06/2008	EP	
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A6-0311/2008	16/07/2008	EP	
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading	T6-0377/2008	02/09/2008	EP	Summary

Additional information

National parliaments	IPEX
European Commission	EUR-Lex

Final act

[Regulation 2008/967](#)
[OJ L 264 03.10.2008, p. 0001](#) Summary

Organic production and labelling of organic products

PURPOSE: to postpone until 1 July 2010 the compulsory use of the EU logo in Regulation (EC) No 834/2007 on organic production and labelling of organic products.

PROPOSED ACT: Council Regulation.

CONTENT: Council Regulation (EC) No 834/2007 on organic production and labelling of organic products will apply as of 1 January 2009. Under Article 24(1)(b) of the Regulation, it will be compulsory to use an EU logo on pre-packaged organic products from that date. Before that date, the use of a Community logo is optional.

The purpose of this proposal is to postpone the compulsory use of the EU logo pending the design of a new logo.

This delay shall help to avoid:

- the confusion of consumers by changing EU logos within a short time period and
- the creation of additional financial burden for operators, who would have to change their packaging and print-outs within a very short time frame.

The design of a new EU logo is necessary since it turned out that the current EU logo for organic products according to Annex V of Council Regulation (EEC) No 2092/91 is easily confusable with other logos, like the EU logos for quality production (PDIs, PGOs and TSGs) pursuant to Commission Regulations (EC) No 1898/2006 and (EC) No 1216/2007.

It is important for the perception of consumers to ensure an informative labelling with a distinctive and appealing EU logo, which represents the organic production and clearly identifies the products.

To gain a broad acceptance of the new EU logo, it should be drawn up by including the public in the design procedure. This will be carried out by a public contest during the promotion campaign for the organic farming which will be launched in July 2008.

This campaign is scheduled for a period of three years and this timeframe can be used for the organisation of the public web-contest at European level and subsequent decision making process. This implies postponing the compulsory use of the EU logo until mid-2010.

Accordingly, an additional paragraph is added in Article 42 of Regulation (EC) No 834/2007 stipulating that Article 24(1)(b) and (c) of the Regulation will apply as of 1 July 2010.

Organic production and labelling of organic products

The Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development adopted a report drafted by Neil PARISH (EPP-ED, UK) and, in the framework of the consultation procedure, approved the proposal for a Council regulation amending Regulation (EC) No 834/2007 on organic production and labelling of organic products.

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The European Parliament adopted, by 667 votes to 12 with 7 abstentions under the consultation procedure, a legislative resolution approving the proposal for a Council regulation amending Regulation (EC) No 834/2007 on organic production and labelling of organic products. The report had been tabled for consideration in plenary by Neil PARISH (EPP-ED, UK) on behalf of the Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development.

Organic production and labelling of organic products

PURPOSE: to postpone the compulsory use of the EU logo on labelling of organic products for the time needed to create the new Community logo.

LEGISLATIVE ACT: Council Regulation (EC) No 967/2008 amending Regulation (EC) No 834/2007 on organic production and labelling of organic products.

CONTENT: Regulation (EC) No 834/2007 has introduced rules for compulsory indications to be used on organic products, which, from 1 January 2009, includes the use of the Community logo on pre-packaged food.

It is important for the perception of consumers to ensure an informative labelling with a distinctive and appealing Community logo, which symbolises organic production and clearly identifies the products. The design of such a Community logo requires a certain time period to be developed and to be made known to the public.

Therefore, the purpose of the Regulation is to postpone until 1 July 2010 the compulsory use of the EU logo provided for in the Regulation. However, operators may use, on a voluntary basis, the current logo defined in Annex V to Regulation (EEC) No 2092/91, until the creation of the new EU logo.

ENTRY INTO FORCE: 10/10/2008.