







Procedure file

Basic information	
RPS - Implementing acts	2017/2920(RPS)
Use of phosphoric acid ? phosphates ? di ? tri ? and polyphosphates (E 338-452) in frozen vertical meat spits	
Subject	
3.10.05.01 Meat	
4.60.04.04 Food safety	
Procedure rejected	

Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
	 ENVI Environment, Public Health and Food Safety	 <u>SCHALDEMOSE</u> Christel	09/11/2017 09/11/2017
		 <u>STAES Bart</u>	
		Shadow rapporteur	
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Key events			
23/10/2017	Non-legislative basic document published	D052941/02	
26/10/2017	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
07/12/2017	Decision by committee, without report		
12/12/2017	Debate in Parliament		
13/12/2017	Results of vote in Parliament		
13/12/2017	Decision by Parliament		Summary

Technical information	
Procedure reference	2017/2920(RPS)
Procedure type	RPS - Implementing acts
Procedure subtype	Comitology with scrutiny
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure rejected
Committee dossier	ENVI/8/11350

Documentation gateway

Non-legislative basic document		D052941/02	23/10/2017	EC	
Motion for a resolution		B8-0666/2017	12/12/2017	EP	

Use of phosphoric acid ? phosphates ? di ? tri ? and polyphosphates (E 338-452) in frozen vertical meat spits

The European Parliament rejected (373 votes to 272, with 30 abstentions) a resolution tabled by the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety, which objected to the draft Commission regulation amending Annex II to Regulation (EC) No 1333/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards the use of phosphoric acid phosphates di tri and polyphosphates (E 338?452) in frozen vertical meat spits.

Members behind the motion for a resolution called on Parliament to oppose the Commission proposal to allow the use of phosphoric acid, di and tri phosphates and polyphosphates (E 338-452) in kebab meat - be it mutton, lamb, veal, beef or poultry.

In support of their objection, Members argued that there are serious concerns and questions surrounding the negative health effects of phosphates used as food additives.

In 2012 a scientific review was published stating that phosphate additives in food are a matter of concern as they may be linked to elevated serum phosphate levels which have been associated with increased cardiovascular risk.

Other studies published in 2013 and 2014 have shown that a diet high in phosphorus may impair bone health in patients with chronic kidney disease as well as in healthy subjects.

Members recalled that a Commission report of 2017 revealed that within some Member States, competent authorities and food business operators had different, and sometimes incorrect, interpretations of applicable Union requirements relating to meat preparations and meat products, resulting in a lack of uniform implementation of such requirements.

In addition, Members pointed out that frozen vertical meat spits are destined for the out-of-home sector which means that consumers are not informed about the use of phosphates as food additives in these products since they are not labelled.

For all of these reasons, Members called on the Commission to withdraw its draft regulation pending a re-evaluation of phosphates used as food additives which should be carried out by the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) by the end of 2018.