

# Procedure file

Basic information	
COD - Ordinary legislative procedure (ex-codecision procedure) Directive	2017/0329(COD) Procedure completed
Measures for the control of Newcastle disease	
Subject 3.10.08 Animal health requirements, veterinary legislation and pharmacy 3.10.08.05 Animal diseases 4.60.04.04 Food safety	

Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
	 ENVI Environment, Public Health and Food Safety		25/01/2018
		 <a href="#">VĂLEAN Adina-Ioana</a>	
		Shadow rapporteur	
		 <a href="#">KADENBACH Karin</a>	
		 <a href="#">GIRLING Julie</a>	
		 <a href="#">GERBRANDY Gerben-Jan</a>	
	Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
	 AGRI Agriculture and Rural Development	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
Council of the European Union	Council configuration	Meeting	Date
	<a href="#">General Affairs</a>	<a href="#">3611</a>	12/04/2018
European Commission	Commission DG	Commissioner	
	<a href="#">Health and Food Safety</a>	ANDRIUKAITIS Vytenis Povilas	
European Economic and Social Committee			

Key events			
14/12/2017	Committee referral announced in Parliament, 1st reading		
20/02/2018	Vote in committee, 1st reading		
22/02/2018	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading	<a href="#">A8-0026/2018</a>	Summary
14/03/2018	Results of vote in Parliament		
14/03/2018	Decision by Parliament, 1st reading	<a href="#">T8-0072/2018</a>	Summary
11/04/2018	Final act signed		

12/04/2018	Act adopted by Council after Parliament's 1st reading		
18/04/2018	End of procedure in Parliament		
23/04/2018	Final act published in Official Journal		

### Technical information

Procedure reference	2017/0329(COD)
Procedure type	COD - Ordinary legislative procedure (ex-codecision procedure)
Procedure subtype	Legislation
Legislative instrument	Directive
Legal basis	Treaty on the Functioning of the EU TFEU 043-p2
Other legal basis	Rules of Procedure EP 159
Mandatory consultation of other institutions	<a href="#">European Economic and Social Committee</a>
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	ENVI/8/11809

### Documentation gateway

Legislative proposal	<a href="#">COM(2017)0742</a>	06/12/2017	EC	Summary
Committee draft report	<a href="#">PE616.705</a>	26/01/2018	EP	
Amendments tabled in committee	PE618.088	07/02/2018	EP	
Economic and Social Committee: opinion, report	<a href="#">CES0197/2018</a>	14/02/2018	ESC	
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	<a href="#">A8-0026/2018</a>	22/02/2018	EP	Summary
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading	<a href="#">T8-0072/2018</a>	14/03/2018	EP	Summary
Draft final act	<a href="#">00006/2018/LEX</a>	18/04/2018	CSL	
Commission response to text adopted in plenary	<a href="#">SP(2018)242</a>	24/05/2018	EC	

### Final act

[Directive 2018/597](#)  
[OJ L 103 23.04.2018, p. 0004](#) Summary

## Measures for the control of Newcastle disease

**PURPOSE:** to amend Council Directive 92/66/EEC introducing Community measures for the control of Newcastle disease, in order to bring it into line with the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (TFEU) and the new official control provisions in force.

**PROPOSED ACT:** Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council.

**ROLE OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT:** the European Parliament decides in accordance with the ordinary legislative procedure on an equal footing with the Council.

**BACKGROUND:** [Council Directive 92/66/EEC](#) lays down the measures to be applied in the event of an outbreak of Newcastle disease in poultry and certain birds. The Directive confers on the Council, acting by a qualified majority on a proposal from the Commission, the power to amend the Directives Annexes.

Thus, the Council may amend Annexes V, VI and VII to Directive 92/66/EEC which set out respectively (i) the indication of the European Union reference laboratory for Newcastle disease as well as its functions and duties, (ii) the model form to be used by Member States in order to

report on the disease situation and the control measures applied; and (iii) the criteria to be applied by Member States for drawing up contingency plans specifying the national measures to be implemented in the event of an outbreak the disease.

It is necessary to simplify and streamline the procedures regarding the control of Newcastle disease, in particular taking into account the new rules in relation to the designation of European Union reference laboratories provided for by Article 93 of [Regulation \(EU\) 2017/625](#) of the European Parliament and of the Council, and also the new system of implementing acts provided for in Article 291 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (TFEU).

The current European reference laboratory (EURL) for Newcastle disease is located in the United Kingdom. Hence, it needs to be replaced by an EURL located in one of the other 27 Member States in view of the United Kingdom exiting the EU. The current procedure for designating an EURL for Newcastle disease is via a Council Directive. This technical revision of the Directive 92/66/EEC will enable the use of the required implementing procedure to designate a new EURL for Newcastle disease within the tight deadlines related to BREXIT.

**CONTENT:** the aim of this proposal is to amend Council Directive 92/66/EEC in order to ensure consistency with the TFEU and the new provisions on official controls with a view to simplifying procedures. It aims to delete Annexes V, VI and VII of that Directive and to confer on the Commission implementing powers in the matters covered by those Annexes. These powers should be exercised in accordance with Regulation (EU) No 182/2011 of the European Parliament and of the Council (comitology Regulation).

The proposal provides that the Commission shall designate, by means of implementing acts, a European Union reference laboratory for Newcastle disease. For the sake of clarity, it sets out the function and duties of the European Union reference laboratory for Newcastle Disease as well as the criteria applicable to the contingency plans to be established by Member States in the event of the onset of the disease.

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## Measures for the control of Newcastle disease

The Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety adopted the report by Adina-Ioana V?LEAN (EPP, RO) on the proposal for a directive of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Council Directive 92/66/EEC introducing Community measures for the control of Newcastle disease.

The committee recommended that the European Parliaments position adopted at first reading under the ordinary legislative procedure should amend the Commission proposal to make it clear that the Directive should enter into force on the day following its publication in the Official Journal of the European Union.

Members considered that this amendment is necessary in order for the Commission to designate a new European Union reference laboratory for Newcastle disease within the tight deadlines related to BREXIT.

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The European Parliament adopted by 651 votes to 4, with 48 abstentions, a legislative resolution on the proposal for a directive of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Council Directive 92/66/EEC introducing Community measures for the control of Newcastle disease.

The technical revision of Directive 92/66/EEC shall make it possible to use implementing acts to designate a new reference laboratory for Newcastle disease. Those implementing powers would be exercised in accordance with Regulation (EU) No 182/2011 of the European Parliament and of the Council on comitology.

For the sake of clarity, the proposed amending Directive sets out the competences and tasks of the European Union Reference Laboratory for Newcastle Disease and the criteria for contingency plans. These plans shall allow access to facilities, equipment, personnel and all other appropriate materials necessary for the rapid and efficient eradication of the outbreak of Newcastle disease. They shall give a precise indication of the vaccine requirements which each Member State deems necessary for emergency vaccination.

The Commission shall approve the contingency plans and any updates thereto, if necessary amended, in accordance with the examination procedure.

The European Parliaments position adopted at first reading under the ordinary legislative procedure amends the Commission proposal to make it clear that the Directive should enter into force on the day following its publication in the Official Journal of the European Union.

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## Measures for the control of Newcastle disease

**PURPOSE:** to streamline measures for the control of Newcastle disease.

**LEGISLATIVE ACT:** Directive (EU) 2018/597 of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Council Directive 92/66/EEC introducing Community measures for the control of Newcastle disease.

**CONTENT:** Directive 92/66/EEC lays down the Union control measures to be taken in the event of an outbreak of Newcastle disease in poultry, racing pigeons and other birds kept in captivity.

This Directive consists of a technical revision of [Directive 92/66/EEC](#) allowing the use of the implementing procedure to designate a new reference laboratory for Newcastle disease. These implementing powers shall be exercised in accordance with Regulation (EU) No 182/2011 of the European Parliament and of the Council on comitology.

The functions and duties of the European Union reference laboratory for Newcastle disease shall be:

- to coordinate, in consultation with the Commission, the methods employed in the Member States for diagnosing Newcastle disease;
- to actively assist in the diagnosis of outbreaks of Newcastle disease in Member States by receiving virus isolates for confirmatory

diagnosis, characterisation and epidemiology studies;

- to facilitate the training or retraining of experts in laboratory diagnosis with a view to the harmonisation of techniques throughout the Union.

Each Member State shall draw up a contingency plan, specifying the national measures to be implemented in the event of an outbreak of Newcastle disease. The contingency plan shall be updated, as appropriate, to take account of developments in the situation.

ENTRY INTO FORCE: 24.4.2018.

TRANSPOSITION: no later than 30.6.2018.

APPLICATION: from 1.1.2019.