

Procedure file

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Equivalence of forest reproductive material produced in the United Kingdom	
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Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
	AGRI Agriculture and Rural Development		
Council of the European Union European Commission	Commission DG	Commissioner	
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European Economic and Social Committee			

Key events			
23/12/2020	Legislative proposal published	COM(2020)0852	Summary
18/01/2021	Committee referral announced in Parliament, 1st reading		
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11/03/2021	Decision by Parliament, 1st reading	T9-0077/2021	Summary
18/03/2021	Act adopted by Council after Parliament's 1st reading		
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Technical information	
Procedure reference	2020/0378(COD)
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Procedure subtype	Legislation
Legislative instrument	Decision
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Mandatory consultation of other institutions	European Economic and Social Committee
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Legislative proposal	COM(2020)0852	23/12/2020	EC	Summary
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Final act

[Decision 2021/536](#)
[OJ L 108 29.03.2021, p. 0001](#)

Equivalence of forest reproductive material produced in the United Kingdom

PURPOSE: to amend Council Decision 2008/971/EC as regards the equivalence of forest reproductive material produced in the United Kingdom to such material produced in the EU.

PROPOSED ACT: Decision of the European Parliament and of the Council

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

BACKGROUND: in view of the end of the transitional period provided for in the withdrawal agreement, the United Kingdom has applied to the Commission for recognition of the equivalence, from 1 January 2021, of forest reproductive material produced in that country with that produced in the EU in accordance with the respective Union law.

The Commission has examined the relevant legislation of the United Kingdom. It has concluded that forest reproductive material, and in particular the categories source-identified, selected and qualified material, produced in the United Kingdom is equivalent to forest reproductive material produced in the EU, since the former affords the same assurances as regards the approval of its basic material and the measures taken for its production with a view to marketing as the latter.

CONTENT: the proposal adds the United Kingdom to the list of countries for which the Union recognises the equivalence of forest reproductive material, and in particular the categories source-identified, selected and qualified material, with the respective material produced within the Union. This recognition is based on an examination of the legislation applicable in the United Kingdom and the conclusion that its requirements and systems in place are equivalent to those of the Union.

Following the addition of the United Kingdom to the list of countries in Annex I to Decision 2008/97/EC, imports into the Union of forest reproductive material from the United Kingdom would be authorised.

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The European Parliament adopted by 617 votes to 1, with 77 abstentions, a legislative resolution on the proposal for a decision of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Council Decision 2008/971/EC as regards the equivalence of forest reproductive material produced in the United Kingdom to such material produced in the Union.

The European Parliament adopted its position at first reading under the ordinary legislative procedure by taking over the Commission's proposal.

The proposal adds the United Kingdom to the list of countries for which the Union recognises the equivalence of forest reproductive material, and in particular the categories source-identified, selected and qualified material, with the respective material produced in the Union.

In view of the end of the transition period provided for in the Withdrawal Agreement, the United Kingdom has submitted a request to the Commission for the recognition of the equivalence, from 1 January 2021, of forest reproductive material produced in that country to such material produced in the Union in accordance with applicable Union law

The Commission has examined the relevant UK legislation and concluded that its requirements and systems in place are equivalent to those of the Union.

Following the addition of the United Kingdom to the list of countries in Annex I to Decision 2008/97/EC, imports into the Union of forest reproductive material from the United Kingdom would be authorised.