

Procedure file

Basic information	
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Key players			
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Council of the European Union			
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Key events			
21/10/1993	Legislative proposal published	COM(1993)0510	Summary
19/11/1993	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
15/03/1994	Vote in committee		Summary
15/03/1994	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A3-0141/1994	
18/04/1994	Debate in Parliament		
19/04/1994	Decision by Parliament	T3-0228/1994	Summary
03/08/1994	Modified legislative proposal published	COM(1994)0371	Summary
25/10/1995	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		
25/10/1995	End of procedure in Parliament		
08/11/1995	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information	
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Procedure type	CNS - Consultation procedure
Procedure subtype	Legislation

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Documentation gateway

Legislative proposal	COM(1993)0510 OJ C 313 19.11.1993, p. 0010	21/10/1993	EC	Summary
Economic and Social Committee: opinion, report	CES0101/1994 OJ C 127 07.05.1994, p. 0010	26/01/1994	ESC	Summary
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A3-0141/1994 OJ C 128 09.05.1994, p. 0006	15/03/1994	EP	
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading	T3-0228/1994 OJ C 128 09.05.1994, p. 0038-0102	19/04/1994	EP	Summary
Modified legislative proposal	COM(1994)0371 OJ C 242 30.08.1994, p. 0011	03/08/1994	EC	Summary

Additional information

European Commission	EUR-Lex
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Final act

[Directive 1995/53](#)
[OJ L 265 08.11.1995, p. 0017](#) Summary

Organisation of inspections in the field of animal nutrition

This proposal sought to fix at Community level the principles governing the organisation of official inspections in the field of animal nutrition. It centred on the following principles: - coverage of all products and substances used in animal nutrition; - introduction of certain general principles (equivalent, consistent and proportional inspections); - systematic random documentary and identity checks on products from third countries entering the Community; - more rigorous inspections at the place of origin and the organisation of checks at the place of destination within the framework of intra-Community trade; - establishing cooperation amongst Member States in cases where an offence has been committed, and the introduction of inspections on agricultural premises; - steps to be taken following checks, settlement of disputes and system of safeguards; - recommendation of monitoring programmes coordinated at Community level, free choice for Member States of the practical methods they use to implement them. ?

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The committee on agriculture unanimously adopted a report by Mr VAZQUEZ FOUZ (PES, SP) welcoming the Commission proposal. The committee adopted one amendment of note, to ensure that Member States carry out analyses in a harmonised manner and that there is no 'back door' to the internal market through states where methods are less strict.?

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Adopting the report by Mr VAZQUEZ FOUZ, the European Parliament approved the directive presented by the Commission introducing framework Community regulations for official inspections on animal nutrition, covering all products and substances which may be used in animal nutrition. This directive is based on principles of equivalent, consistent and proportional inspections. Parliament welcomed the directive but proposed replacing the term "physical inspections" by "quality inspections". It also stressed the need to harmonise methods of analysis within the Member States as, otherwise, animal nutrition containing an unacceptable proportion of unwanted substances could be imported into certain Member States with less strict methods of analysis and then sold on the Community market. The European Parliament called for Member States to ensure that the relevant authorities carried out documentary and identity checks when products were imported so as to check: - the type of product, - the origin of the product, - the geographical destination of the product, in order to determine if it is a product in transit or a product actually being imported into the territory of the European Union.?

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The Commission's amended proposal incorporates all the European Parliament's amendments seeking to: - replace the term "physical inspections" by the broader term "quality inspections", which covers both physical and microbiological checks; - clarify the purpose of the check on geographical destination by making a distinction between a product in transit and a product actually imported into the territory of the European Union. However, the Commission rejected the amendment seeking to insert a new paragraph 3a under Article 16, stipulating that the Member States must ensure that the methods of analysis needed for the checks are standardised.?

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- OBJECTIVE: Council Directive 95/53/EC lays down at Community level the principles relating to the organisation of inspections in the field of animal nutrition. - SUBSTANCE: - inspections which are carried out on a regular basis, in cases where non-compliance is suspected, and in a manner which is proportionate to the objective being pursued. These inspections cover all stages of production and manufacture, including intermediate stages prior to the products being put into circulation, as well as the marketing process itself, including the importation and use of the products concerned; - documentary and systematic identity checks, as well as physical checks by the taking of samples from products imported from non-member countries; - inspections which are reinforced at the point of origin and the organisation of inspections at the destination point within the framework of intra-Community trade; - establishing cooperation between Member States in cases where an offence has been committed and the introduction of inspections on agricultural premises; - Member States are to draw up a list of laboratories responsible for carrying out the analysis work; these establishments are to ensure that the sampling and analyses are undertaken in accordance with Community regulations; - application of sanctions in cases involving violation of the measures which have been adopted for the application of the directive; - the directive does not affect the appeal procedures which are opened by national legislations against the decisions of the appropriate authorities; once duly substantiated, these decisions have to be made known to the operator concerned; - Member States shall establish, by 01.10.1998 at the latest, programmes which specify the national measures to be implemented. DEADLINE FOR TRANSPOSITION: 30.04.1998. ENTRY INTO FORCE: 09.11.1995. ?