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Basic information	
COD - Ordinary legislative procedure (ex-codecision procedure) Regulation	2022/0390(COD)
Labelling of organic pet food	Procedure completed
Subject 3.10.03 Marketing and trade of agricultural products and livestock 3.10.09.04 Organic farming 3.70.17 European ecolabel and ecolabelling, ecodesign	

Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
	 Agriculture and Rural Development		10/02/2023
		 HÄUSLING Martin	
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		 BIELOWSKI Theresa	
		 VAUTMANS Hilde	
		 FRAGKOS Emmanouil	
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	Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
Council of the European Union European Commission European Economic and Social Committee	 Environment, Public Health and Food Safety		06/02/2023
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Key events			
28/11/2022	Legislative proposal published	COM(2022)0659	
	Committee referral announced in		

12/12/2022	Parliament, 1st reading		
25/04/2023	Vote in committee, 1st reading		
25/04/2023	Committee decision to open interinstitutional negotiations with report adopted in committee		
27/04/2023	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading	A9-0159/2023	Summary
08/05/2023	Committee decision to enter into interinstitutional negotiations announced in plenary (Rule 71)		
10/05/2023	Committee decision to enter into interinstitutional negotiations confirmed by plenary (Rule 71)		
28/06/2023	Approval in committee of the text agreed at 1st reading interinstitutional negotiations	PE750.016 GEDA/A/(2023)003938	
12/09/2023	Results of vote in Parliament		
12/09/2023	Decision by Parliament, 1st reading	T9-0298/2023	Summary
09/10/2023	Act adopted by Council after Parliament's 1st reading		
18/10/2023	Final act signed		
27/10/2023	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information

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Procedure type	COD - Ordinary legislative procedure (ex-codecision procedure)
Procedure subtype	Legislation
Legislative instrument	Regulation
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	European Economic and Social Committee
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	AGRI/9/10799

Documentation gateway

Legislative proposal		COM(2022)0659	28/11/2022	EC	
Economic and Social Committee: opinion, report		CES5926/2022	24/01/2023	ESC	
Committee draft report		PE742.671	07/03/2023	EP	
Specific opinion	ENVI	PE742.634	22/03/2023	EP	
Amendments tabled in committee		PE745.512	29/03/2023	EP	
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		A9-0159/2023	27/04/2023	EP	Summary

Coreper letter confirming interinstitutional agreement		GEDA/A/(2023)003938	14/06/2023	CSL	
Text agreed during interinstitutional negotiations		PE750.016	14/06/2023	EP	
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		T9-0298/2023	12/09/2023	EP	Summary
Draft final act		00033/2023/LEX	18/10/2023	CSL	
Commission response to text adopted in plenary		SP(2023)525	19/12/2023	EC	

Final act

[Regulation 2023/2419](#)
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Labelling of organic pet food

The Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development adopted the report by Martin HÄUSLING (Greens/EFA, DE) on the proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the labelling of organic pet food.

As a reminder, the purpose of this proposal is to establish specific labelling rules for pet food. These rules will allow pet food, in particular for cats and dogs, to bear the organic production logo of the European Union. Moreover, the organic production logo of the European Union will be mandatory for prepacked pet food labelled as organic.

The draft rules clarify that pet food can be labelled as organic if at least 95% in terms of weight of its agricultural ingredients are organic. The rules were proposed as a result of a new legislative framework for organic products which do not allow anymore for national rules for the minimum percentage of organic ingredients in organic pet food.

The committee responsible recommended that the European Parliament's position adopted at first reading under the ordinary legislative procedure should amend the proposal as follows:

Transitional measures

To prevent waste of products and packaging material and ensure a smooth transition, Members suggested that operators should be able to market all products already in stock. This means the large volumes of existing stocks of organic pet food could still be sold to consumers until those stocks are exhausted. The report proposed a transitional period of 6 months after this Regulations entry into force to be installed during which the mandatory use of the EU organic logo does not apply.

Special labelling

A new article has been introduced by Members requesting that special labelling provisions should be laid down to enable final consumers to identify organic ingredients used in products which consist mainly of an ingredient that stems from hunting or fishing, as long as all other ingredients are organic and only feed additives and processing aids authorised pursuant to Regulation (EU) 2018/848 on organic production and labelling of organic products are used.

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The European Parliament adopted by 592 votes to 12, with 21 abstentions, a legislative resolution on the proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the labelling of organic pet food.

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Parliaments position adopted at first reading following the ordinary legislative procedure amended the Commission proposal as follows:

Development of the pet food sector

The amended text acknowledged that the pet food sector has a role to play in contributing to the objectives of the European Green Deal, as well as recognising the new labelling measures provided for in this regulation and the uniform use of the organic production logo of the European Union, should help to develop and promote the pet food sector, both through the sale of products to consumers who are mindful of the organic content of the products they buy and through the opportunity to bring about added value to organic by-products and co-products.

Subject matter

It is stipulated that this regulation constitutes other specific Union law relating to the placing of products on the market for the purposes of Article 2(5) of Regulation (EU) 2018/848 on organic production and labelling of organic products. Given that pet food is feed for a specific category of animals, the provisions of Regulation (EU) 2018/848 which apply to feed should remain applicable to pet food, in particular those

on production, certification, control, marketing, and trade with third countries.

Use of terms referring to organic production on pet food labels

Information on compliance with organic production rules should be provided through the terms referring to organic production in the sales description and in the list of ingredients, as well as through the use of the organic production logo of the European Union. In order to facilitate awareness about compliance with organic production rules, the organic production logo of the European Union should be obligatory for all prepacked pet food complying with Regulation (EU) 2018/848 and with this Regulation and produced within the Union, as is the case for prepacked food pursuant to Article 32(1), point (b), of Regulation (EU) 2018/848.

Special labelling provisions should also be laid down to allow final consumers to identify the organic ingredients that are used in products which consist mainly of an ingredient that stems from hunting or fishing, provided that all other agricultural ingredients are organic.

Consumer information

Given the importance of the presence of non-organic agricultural ingredients in pet food, final consumers should be appropriately informed about the composition of pet food containing both organic and non-organic agricultural ingredients, thus enabling consumer confidence and fair competition between operators in the pet food sector.

Transitional measures

Organic petfood labelled in accordance with national rules or, failing that, with private standards accepted or recognised by the Member States between 1 January 2022 and the date of entry into force of this regulation may be placed on the market until stocks are exhausted.

Application

The regulation provides for a deferred date of application (six months after the date of entry of the regulation) of the obligation to use the organic production logo of the European Union on the labelling of prepacked pet food in order to enable operators to prepare fully for the application of the new labelling requirements.