



Procedure file

Basic information		
DEA - Delegated acts procedure	2023/2676(DEA)	Procedure completed - delegated act rejected
Detailed production rules for organic sea salt and other organic salts for food and feed		
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Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
	 Agriculture and Rural Development	 LINS Norbert	28/06/2023

Key events			
02/05/2023	Non-legislative basic document published	C(2023)02781	
02/05/2023	Initial period for examining delegated act 2 month(s)		
10/05/2023	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
25/05/2023	Initial period for examining delegated act extended at Parliament's request by 2 month(s)		
11/07/2023	Results of vote in Parliament		
11/07/2023	Decision by Parliament	T9-0258/2023	Summary

Technical information	
Procedure reference	2023/2676(DEA)
Procedure type	DEA - Delegated acts procedure
Procedure subtype	Examination of delegated act
Legal basis	Rules of Procedure EP 111-p03
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed - delegated act rejected
Committee dossier	AGRI/9/11885

Documentation gateway					
Non-legislative basic document		C(2023)02781	02/05/2023	EC	
Motion for a resolution objecting delegated act		B9-0308/2023	03/07/2023	EP	
Text adopted by Parliament, single reading		T9-0258/2023	11/07/2023	EP	Summary
Commission response to text adopted in plenary		SP(2023)558	17/01/2024	EC	

Detailed production rules for organic sea salt and other organic salts for food and feed

The European Parliament adopted by 468 votes to 151, with 17 abstentions, a resolution objecting to the Commission delegated regulation of 2 May 2023 amending Regulation (EU) 2018/848 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards detailed production rules for organic sea salt and other organic salts for food and feed.

To support this objection, Members recalled that Regulation (EU) 2018/848 lays down detailed requirements concerning the production of processed food and feed. Salt used for food and feed and drinking water are excluded from those requirements. In addition, the explanatory memorandum of the Commission delegated regulation recognises that salt is not an agricultural product.

Members consider that for the production of organic labelled rock salt the restrictions in the field of modern mining technologies are stricter than their environmental impact merits, which would make the production of organic table salt from rock salt unattractive and lead to a very limited availability of organic rock salt on the market.

According to Members, the requirements envisaged for the production of organic sea salt could lead, particularly due to the prevalence of micro-plastic in sea waters, to a very limited availability of organic sea salt on the market.

Moreover, the Commission delegated regulation requires contamination-free production concerning products or substances not authorised for use in organic production for all kinds of salt production, which is not required for organic products from farming and which therefore goes clearly beyond, and is not in line with, Regulation (EU) No 2018/848.