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Basic information	
<p>COD - Ordinary legislative procedure (ex-codecision procedure) Regulation</p> <p>2023/0227(COD)</p>	Awaiting Council's 1st reading position
<p>Production and marketing of plant reproductive material in the Union</p> <p>Repealing Directive 2002/56 <a href="#">1995/0302(CNS)</a>            Repealing Directive 2002/57 <a href="#">1995/0304(CNS)</a>            Repealing Directive 2002/53 <a href="#">1995/0322(CNS)</a>            Repealing Directive 2002/55 <a href="#">2001/0108(CNS)</a>            Repealing Directive 2002/54 <a href="#">2001/0147(CNS)</a>            Repealing Directive 2008/90 <a href="#">2007/0014(CNS)</a>            Repealing Directive 2008/72 <a href="#">2007/0296(CNS)</a>            Amending Regulation 2017/625 <a href="#">2013/0140(COD)</a>            Amending Regulation 2016/2031 <a href="#">2013/0141(COD)</a>            Amending Regulation 2018/848 <a href="#">2014/0100(COD)</a></p> <p>Subject</p> <p>3.10.03 Marketing and trade of agricultural products and livestock            3.10.06 Crop products in general, floriculture            3.10.09 Plant health legislation, organic farming, agro-genetics in general            3.10.11 Forestry policy            3.70.01 Protection of natural resources: fauna, flora, nature, wildlife, countryside; biodiversity</p>	

Key players				
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed	
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	Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed	
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Social Committee

## Key events

05/07/2023	Legislative proposal published	<a href="#">COM(2023)0414</a>	Summary
19/10/2023	Committee referral announced in Parliament, 1st reading		
19/10/2023	Referral to associated committees announced in Parliament		
19/03/2024	Vote in committee, 1st reading		
22/03/2024	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading	<a href="#">A9-0149/2024</a>	
23/04/2024	Debate in Parliament		
24/04/2024	Results of vote in Parliament		
24/04/2024	Decision by Parliament, 1st reading	<a href="#">T9-0341/2024</a>	Summary

## Technical information

Procedure reference	2023/0227(COD)
Procedure type	COD - Ordinary legislative procedure (ex-codecision procedure)
Procedure subtype	Legislation
Legislative instrument	Regulation
	Repealing Directive 2002/56 <a href="#">1995/0302(CNS)</a> Repealing Directive 2002/57 <a href="#">1995/0304(CNS)</a> Repealing Directive 2002/53 <a href="#">1995/0322(CNS)</a> Repealing Directive 2002/55 <a href="#">2001/0108(CNS)</a> Repealing Directive 2002/54 <a href="#">2001/0147(CNS)</a> Repealing Directive 2008/90 <a href="#">2007/0014(CNS)</a> Repealing Directive 2008/72 <a href="#">2007/0296(CNS)</a> Amending Regulation 2017/625 <a href="#">2013/0140(COD)</a> Amending Regulation 2016/2031 <a href="#">2013/0141(COD)</a> Amending Regulation 2018/848 <a href="#">2014/0100(COD)</a>
Legal basis	Treaty on the Functioning of the EU TFEU 043-p2; Rules of Procedure EP 57_o
Other legal basis	Rules of Procedure EP 165
Mandatory consultation of other institutions	<a href="#">European Economic and Social Committee</a>
Stage reached in procedure	Awaiting Council's 1st reading position
Committee dossier	AGRI/9/12610

Documentation gateway					
Legislative proposal		<a href="#">COM(2023)0414</a>	05/07/2023	EC	Summary
Document attached to the procedure		<a href="#">SEC(2023)0414</a>	06/07/2023	EC	
Document attached to the procedure		<a href="#">SWD(2023)0410</a>	06/07/2023	EC	
Document attached to the procedure		<a href="#">SWD(2023)0414</a>	06/07/2023	EC	
Document attached to the procedure		<a href="#">SWD(2023)0415</a>	06/07/2023	EC	
Committee draft report		<a href="#">PE756.010</a>	10/11/2023	EP	
Amendments tabled in committee		<a href="#">PE757.119</a>	05/12/2023	EP	
Amendments tabled in committee		<a href="#">PE757.146</a>	05/12/2023	EP	
Amendments tabled in committee		<a href="#">PE757.147</a>	05/12/2023	EP	
Economic and Social Committee: opinion, report		<a href="#">CES3344/2023</a>	13/12/2023	ESC	
Committee opinion	ENVI	<a href="#">PE757.169</a>	12/03/2024	EP	
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		<a href="#">A9-0149/2024</a>	22/03/2024	EP	
Committee of the Regions: opinion		<a href="#">CDR4545/2023</a>	17/04/2024	CofR	
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		<a href="#">T9-0341/2024</a>	24/04/2024	EP	Summary
Commission response to text adopted in plenary		<a href="#">SP(2024)394</a>	08/08/2024	EC	

Additional information		
Research document	<a href="#">Briefing</a>	06/12/2023

## Production and marketing of plant reproductive material in the Union

**PURPOSE:** to replace 10 plant reproductive material (PRM) marketing Directives with a single Regulation.

**PROPOSED ACT:** Regulation 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:** plant reproductive material (PRM) is plant material (for example seeds, cuttings, trees, roots, tubers, etc.) used for the reproduction of other plants. They are subject to strict EU rules on quality and health. However, rules on PRM already exist since 1966 and need to be revised to keep pace with developments in science, innovation, technology, and digitalisation whilst ensuring at the same time high quality, healthier and improved plants and trees.

The updated rules will guarantee stable yields by future-proofing new plant varieties by testing them for characteristics that can contribute to a more sustainable agri-food production. Seeds will be better adapted to the pressures of climate change, they will be more resistant to pests and thus contribute to reduced use of pesticides, and they will be more drought tolerant. The revision will ensure food security and help preserve the genetic diversity of cultivated crops.

**CONTENT:** the Commission proposal revises the legislation which applies to production and marketing of plant reproductive material by replacing 10 marketing Directives with a single Regulation.

The draft regulation lays down rules for the production and marketing in the Union of plant reproductive material, and in particular requirements for the production of PRM in the field and other sites, categories of material, identity and quality requirements, certification, labelling, packaging, imports, professional operators and the registration of varieties.

Rules are laid down concerning the conditions of cultivation of certain varieties that could have undesirable agronomic effects, including the cultivation for purposes beyond the production and marketing of PRM, for the production of food, feed and other products.

The proposal applies to a list of species of agricultural crops, vegetables, fruit plants and vine, with particular economic and social importance,

such as food security, for the Union. However, it will not cover reproductive material for ornamental plants. It also excludes PRM exported to third countries.

The proposed regulation retains the two main pillars of the PRM marketing Directives, namely the registration of varieties and the certification of individual PRM lots.

Moreover, the proposal aims to:

- harmonise implementation, increase efficiency, reduce administrative burden and support innovation. In particular, it takes account of the need to ensure that production of PRM can adapt to evolving agricultural, horticultural and environmental conditions, face the challenges of climate change, to foster the protection of agro-biodiversity, and to meet increasing farmer and consumer expectations related to the quality and sustainability of PRM;

- facilitate the technical progress in PRM production and plant breeding, in accordance with the rapid evolution of European and global standards. It creates a framework for the introduction of digital technologies, and for the adoption of novel technologies, such as the use of bio-molecular techniques for the identification of varieties.

General objective

The general objective of this initiative is to ensure, for all types of users, PRM of high quality and diversity of choice, adapted to current and future projected climatic conditions that will in turn contribute to food security, protection of biodiversity and restoration of forest ecosystems.

More specifically, it aims to:

- increase clarity and coherence of the legal framework through simplified, clarified and harmonised basic rules on fundamental principles presented in a modern legal form;

- enable the uptake of new scientific and technical developments;

- ensure availability of PRM suitable for future challenges;

- support the conservation and sustainable use of plant and forest genetic resources.

- harmonise the framework for official controls on PRM;

- improve coherence of PRM legislation with the plant health legislation.

- provide more choice for amateur gardeners by lighter rules on market access.

## Production and marketing of plant reproductive material in the Union

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The European Parliament adopted by 431 votes to 104, with 82 abstentions, a legislative resolution on the proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the production and marketing of plant reproductive material in the Union, amending Regulations (EU) 2016/2031, 2017/625 and 2018/848 of the European Parliament and of the Council, and repealing Council Directives 66/401/EEC, 66/402/EEC, 68/193/EEC, 2002/53/EC, 2002/54/EC, 2002/55/EC, 2002/56/EC, 2002/57/EC, 2008/72/EC and 2008/90/EC (Regulation on plant reproductive material - PRM).

The European Parliament's position adopted at first reading under the ordinary legislative procedure amends the proposal as follows:

With this proposal, the Commission intends to cover the different PRM such as seeds, cuttings, trees, roots and tubers in a single regulation, in order to establish a uniform standard for the different PRM in the Union.

Members stressed that this Regulation should lay down:

- rules for the production with a view to marketing in the Union of plant reproductive material (PRM), and for the marketing in the Union of PRM, and in particular requirements for the production of PRM in the field and other sites, categories of material, identity and quality requirements, certification, labelling, packaging, imports, professional operators and the registration of varieties;

- rules concerning the conditions of cultivation of certain varieties that are tolerant to herbicides or could have undesirable agronomic effects, including cultivation for purposes beyond the production and marketing of PRM, for the production of food, feed and other product.

The requirements concerning production or imports of PRM should apply only with a view to its marketing within the Union.

The objectives of the Regulation should be to:

- ensure quality, safety and diversity of choice for PRM, and its availability for professional operators, farmers and final users;

- ensure fair conditions for the competition of the professional operators across the Union and the functioning of the internal market in PRM;

- contribute to the dynamic conservation and sustainable use of plant genetic resources and agro-biodiversity;

- contribute to sustainable agricultural production, adapted to current and future projected climatic and soil conditions;

- contribute to food security and food sovereignty.

This Regulation should cover neither PRM exported to third countries, nor PRM sold or transferred in any way for official testing, breeding, inspections, exhibitions or scientific purposes, including on-farm research. It should not cover PRM accessed, sold or transferred in any way in limited quantities as defined in Annex VIIa, whether free of charge or not, for the purpose of dynamic conservation as that type of PRM does not require particular harmonised identity or quality standards and does not compromise the identity and quality of other PRM marketed in the Union.

Rules for the in vitro production of clones and their marketing should also be established.

The power to adopt delegated acts should be conferred on the Commission in order to supplement this Regulation with specific rules on the

organisation of temporary experiments to seek improved alternatives to the scope and certain provisions of this Regulation.

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