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| Basic information                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                             |
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| <p>COD - Ordinary legislative procedure (ex-codecision procedure) <a href="#">2020/0053(COD)</a><br/>Decision</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Awaiting committee decision |
| <p>Equivalence of field inspections carried out on cereal seed-producing crops and equivalence of cereal seed produced in Ukraine</p> <p>Amending Decision 2003/17/EC</p> <p>Subject<br/>3.10.03 Marketing and trade of agricultural products and livestock<br/>3.10.06.03 Cereals, rice</p> <p>Geographical area<br/>Ukraine</p> |                             |

| Key players                                                             |                                                                                                                                            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                   |
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| European Parliament                                                     | Committee responsible                                                                                                                      | Rapporteur                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Appointed         |
|                                                                         | <p> <a href="#">Agriculture and Rural Development</a></p> | <p> <a href="#">VRECIANOVA Veronika</a></p> <p>Shadow rapporteur</p> <p> <a href="#">ŠOJDROVÁ Michaela</a></p> <p> <a href="#">OLEKAS Juozas</a></p> <p> <a href="#">DECERLE Jérémy</a></p> <p> <a href="#">DAVID Ivan</a></p> <p> <a href="#">ROPÉ Bronis</a></p> | <p>04/05/2020</p> |
| Council of the European Union<br>European Economic and Social Committee | Committee for opinion                                                                                                                      | Rapporteur for opinion                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Appointed         |
|                                                                         | <p> <a href="#">International Trade</a></p>             | <p>The committee decided not to give an opinion.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                   |

| Key events |                                                                        |                               |         |
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| 07/04/2020 | Legislative proposal published                                         | <a href="#">COM(2020)0137</a> | Summary |
| 16/04/2020 | Committee referral announced in Parliament, 1st reading/single reading |                               |         |

| Forecasts  |                                                             |
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| 15/09/2020 | Indicative plenary sitting date, 1st reading/single reading |

| Technical information                        |                                                                |
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| Procedure reference                          | 2020/0053(COD)                                                 |
| Procedure type                               | COD - Ordinary legislative procedure (ex-codecision procedure) |
| Procedure subtype                            | Legislation                                                    |
| Legislative instrument                       | Decision                                                       |
|                                              | Amending Decision 2003/17/EC                                   |
| Legal basis                                  | Treaty on the Functioning of the EU TFEU 043-p2                |
| Mandatory consultation of other institutions | <a href="#">European Economic and Social Committee</a>         |
| Stage reached in procedure                   | Awaiting committee decision                                    |
| Committee dossier                            | AGRI/9/02780                                                   |

| Documentation gateway          |  |                               |            |    |         |
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| Legislative proposal           |  | <a href="#">COM(2020)0137</a> | 07/04/2020 | EC | Summary |
| Committee draft report         |  | <a href="#">PE652.324</a>     | 05/06/2020 | EP |         |
| Amendments tabled in committee |  | <a href="#">PE653.996</a>     | 03/07/2020 | EP |         |

## 2020/0053(COD) - 07/04/2020 Legislative proposal

**PURPOSE:** to add Ukraine to the list of countries, for which equivalence of field inspections of seed-producing crops of cereal species and the equivalence of the produced seed has been recognised.

**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 on an equal footing with the Council.

**BACKGROUND:** [Council Decision 2003/17/EC](#) provides that under certain conditions field inspections carried out on certain seed-producing crops in the listed third countries are to be considered equivalent to field inspections carried out in accordance with Union law and that under certain conditions seed of certain species of cereal produced in those countries is to be considered equivalent to seed produced in accordance with Union law.

Ukraine has submitted a request to the Commission for equivalence as regards its system of field inspection of cereal seed producing crops and in respect of cereal seed produced and certified in Ukraine.

Following that request, the Commission examined the relevant Ukrainian legislation and carried out an audit of the field inspections and seed certification system for cereal seed in place in Ukraine. It was concluded that its requirements and system in place are equivalent to the ones of the Union and offer the same assurance as the Unions system.

**CONTENT:** the proposal to amend Decision 2003/17/EC aims to grant equivalence as regards field inspections carried in respect of cereal seed in Ukraine and as regards cereal seed produced in Ukraine and officially certified by its authorities.

The proposal fully meets the objectives of the EU/Ukraine Association Agreement as it shall boost trade in seed which complies with EU rules.

According to the Commission, equivalence would therefore contribute to the maintenance of the continuous supply of high quality seed in the EU. Moreover, European seed companies seek new opportunities, which would be provided for by the EU equivalence. The proposal has no impact on compliance costs for operators.