

# Procedure file

Basic information	
COD - Ordinary legislative procedure (ex-codecision procedure) <a href="#">2020/0379(COD)</a> Decision	Preparatory phase in Parliament
Equivalence of field inspections and equivalence of checks on practices for the maintenance of varieties of agricultural plant species carried out in the United Kingdom  Amending Decision 2005/834/EC Amending Decision 2003/17/EC  Subject 3.10.03 Marketing and trade of agricultural products and livestock 3.10.06 Crop products in general, floriculture 6.20.02 Export/import control, trade defence, trade barriers  Geographical area United Kingdom	

Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
	<b>AGRI</b> <a href="#">Agriculture and Rural Development</a>		
Council of the European Union	Commission DG	Commissioner	
European Commission	<a href="#">Health and Food Safety</a>	KYRIAKIDES Stella	

Key events			
23/12/2020	Legislative proposal published	COM(2020)0853	Summary

Forecasts	
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Technical information	
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Procedure subtype	Legislation
Legislative instrument	Decision
	Amending Decision 2005/834/EC Amending Decision 2003/17/EC
Legal basis	Treaty on the Functioning of the EU TFEU 043-p2
Stage reached in procedure	Preparatory phase in Parliament

Documentation gateway					
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## 2020/0379(COD) - 23/12/2020 Legislative proposal

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**PURPOSE:** to amend Council Decisions 2003/17/EC and 2005/834/EC as regards the equivalence of field inspections and the equivalence of checks on practices for the maintenance of varieties of agricultural plant species carried out in the United Kingdom.

**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 and on an equal footing with the Council.

**BACKGROUND:** in view of the end of the transitional period provided for in the withdrawal agreement, the United Kingdom has submitted to the Commission a request for recognition of equivalence, from 1 January 2021, of fodder plant seed, cereal seed, beet seed and seed of fibre and oil plants produced in the United Kingdom with fodder plant seed, cereal seed, beet seed and seed of oil plants produced in the Union.

The United Kingdom has also requested the recognition of the equivalence as regards the checks on practices for the maintenance of varieties carried out in the United Kingdom pursuant to those Directives.

The Commission has carried out a review of the relevant legislation in the United Kingdom. It has concluded (i) that the requirements and the system in force are equivalent to those of the Union and offer the same guarantees as the Union system; (ii) that the checks on practices for the maintenance of such varieties carried out in the United Kingdom afford the same assurances as those carried out by the Member States.

**CONTENT:** the proposal adds the United Kingdom to the list of countries for which the equivalence of field inspections, and of checks on practices for the maintenance of seed-producing crops of cereal species and the equivalence of the seed produced have been recognised. This recognition is based on an examination of the relevant legislation of the United Kingdom and the conclusion that its requirements and system in place offer the same guarantees as the Union's system.

Following the addition of the United Kingdom on that list, the imports of seeds from the United Kingdom into the Union, as well as the maintenance of the respective varieties in that country, should be allowed.