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1 Background to the “review package”

Commission Communication: Healthier animals and plants and a safer agri-food chain: a modernised legal framework for a more competitive EU. 6 May 2013.9459/201, COM (2013)264.

2 Proposed review package of food safety legislation

- a) Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the production and making available on the market of plant reproductive material (plant reproductive material law),9527/2013, COM (2013)262. Published 6 May 2013. Impact assessment SWD(2013)162. Summary of Impact assessment SWD(2013)163.
- b) Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on official controls and other official activities performed to ensure the application of food and feed law, rules on animal health and welfare, plant health, plant reproductive material, plant protection products and amending Regulations (EC) No 999/2001, 1829/2003, 1831/2003, 1/2005, 396/2005, 834/2007, 1099/2009, 1069/2009, 1107/2009, Regulations (EU) No 1151/2012, [...]2013, and Directives 98/58/EC, 1999/74/EC, 2007/43/EC, 2008/119/EC, 2008/120/EC and 2009/128/EC (Official controls Regulation) 9464/2013, COM(2013) 265. Published 6 May 2013. Impact assessment SWD(2013)167. Summary of Impact Assessment SWD(2013)166
- c) Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on Animal Health. 9468/2013, COM(2013)260. Published 6 May 2013. Impact assessment SWD(2013)161. Summary of impact assessment SWD(2013)160.
- d) Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on protective measures against pests of plants.9574/2013, COM(2013)267. Published 6 May 2013.Impact assessment SWD(2013)169. Summary of Impact assessment SWD(2013)16.
- e) Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on laying down provisions for the management of expenditure relating to the food chain, animal health and animal welfare, and relating to plant health and plant reproductive material, amending Council Directives 98/56/EC, 2000/29/EC and 2008/90/EC, Regulations (EC) No 178/2002, (EC) No 882/2004 and (EC) No 396/2005, Directive 2009/128/EC and Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009 and repealing Council Decisions 66/399/EEC, 76/894/EEC and 2009/470/EC (Common financial framework). COM(2013)327. Published 7 June 2013.

2.1 Treaty base

- a) Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the production and making available on the market of plant reproductive material (plant reproductive material law) is based on Article 43(2) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (TFEU).
- b) Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on official controls and other official activities performed to ensure the application of food and

feed law, rules on animal health and welfare, plant health, plant reproductive material, plant protection products and amending Regulations (EC) No 999/2001, 1829/2003, 1831/2003, 1/2005, 396/2005, 834/2007, 1099/2009, 1069/2009, 1107/2009, Regulations (EU) No 1151/2012, [...]2013, and Directives 98/58/EC, 1999/74/EC, 2007/43/EC, 2008/119/EC, 2008/120/EC and 2009/128/EC (Official controls Regulation) is based on Article 43(2), Article 114, and Article 168(4) of the TFEU.

- c) Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on Animal Health is based on Article 43(2), Article 114(3), and Article 168(4) of the TFEU.
- d) Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on protective measures against pests of plants Health is based on Article 42(2) of the TFEU.
- e) Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on laying down provisions for the management of expenditure relating to the food chain, animal health and animal welfare, and relating to plant health and plant reproductive material, amending Council Directives 98/56/EC, 2000/29/EC and 2008/90/EC, Regulations (EC) No 178/2002, (EC) No 882/2004 and (EC) No 396/2005, Directive 2009/128/EC and Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009 and repealing Council Decisions 66/399/EEC, 76/894/EEC and 2009/470/EC (Common financial framework).is based on Article 43 par 2 and Article 168 par 4 pt b of the TFEU.

2.2 Related material

European Commission: [Smarter rules for safer food](#) Press pack.

Food Standards Agency webpages: [Proposed changes to EU Regulation 882/2004](#) and [Commission proposes revisions to food and feed regulations](#)

Department for Environment, Food, and Rural Affairs press release [Smarter rules for safer food](#) 3 June 2013.

3 EU Scrutiny

The draft Regulations are subject to the Ordinary Legislative Procedure (OLP), formerly known as the co-decision procedure. This procedure is outlined in Standard Note SN/IA/2120 [The European Parliament: its role and powers](#). It is also explained with a graphic, on the [Europa website](#).

3.1 European Parliament proceedings

Proposal on plant reproductive material (COM(2013)262)

Report [A7/112/2014](#) by the EP Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development (Rapporteur: Sergio Paolo Francesco Silvestris) published 14 February 2014.

[Legislative resolution](#) adopted in Plenary session of the European Parliament 11 March 2014

Proposal on official controls (COM(2013)265)

Report [A7/162/2014](#) by the EP Committee on Environment, Public Health and Food Safety (Rapporteur: Mario Pirillo) published 6 March 2014.

[Legislative resolution](#) adopted in Plenary session of the European Parliament 15 April 2014.

Proposal on animal health (COM(2013)260)

Report [A7/129/2014](#) by the EP Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development (Rapporteur: Marit Paulsen) published 19 February 2014.

[Legislative resolution](#) adopted in Plenary session of the European Parliament 15 April 2014.

Proposal on protective measures against plant pests (COM(2013)267)

Report [A7/147/2014](#) by EP Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development (Rapporteur: Hynek Fajmon) published 27 February 2014.

[Legislative resolution](#) adopted in Plenary session of the European Parliament 15 April 2014.

Proposal on management of expenditure (COM(2013)327)

Report [A7/424/2013](#) by EP Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development (Rapporteur: Agnes Le Brun) published 2 December 2013.

[Legislative resolution](#) adopted in Plenary session of the European Parliament 2 April 2014.

3.2 Council of Ministers proceedings

Proposal on management of expenditure (COM(2013)327)

Adopted by Council on [8 May 2014](#).

3.3 Other EU institutions

[Opinion](#) of the European Economic and Social Committee on proposals on plant reproductive material, animal health and protective measures against plant pests published 10 December 2013.

[Opinion](#) of the European Economic and Social Committee on proposals on official controls and management of expenditure published in OJC 67 6 March 2014..

[Opinion](#) of the Committee of the Regions on proposal on official controls published in OJC 114 15 April 2014.

4 UK Parliament Scrutiny

For a description of the scrutiny process for EU documents within Parliament see [The European Scrutiny System in the House of Commons: a short guide for Members of Parliament by the staff of the European Scrutiny Committee](#) and [Scrutiny Flowchart](#) for House of Lords. For general background to the EU scrutiny see Research Paper 05/85 [The UK Parliament and European Business](#).

4.1 House of Commons European Scrutiny committee

Proposal on plant reproductive material (COM(2013)262)

[Explanatory memorandum](#) issued by Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs 21 May 2013.

[Initial impact assessment](#) for EU proposal issued by DEFRA 17 May 2013

Ministerial correspondence dated [26 June 2013](#) and [31 January 2014](#)

European Scrutiny Committee 9th Report [HC 83-ix 2013-14](#) 10 July 2013.

Proposal on official controls (COM(2013)265)

[Explanatory memorandum](#) issued by Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs 22 May 2013.

[Initial impact assessment](#) for EU proposal issued by DEFRA May 2013.

Ministerial correspondence [10 February 2014](#).

European Scrutiny Committee 9th Report [HC 83-ix 2013-14](#) 10 July 2013.

Proposal on animal health (COM(2013)260)

[Explanatory memorandum](#) issued by Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs 22 May 2013.

[Initial impact assessment](#) for EU proposal issued by DEFRA 16 May 2013.

Ministerial correspondence [1 July 2013](#) and [27 January 2014](#).

European Scrutiny Committee 9th Report [HC 83-ix 2013-14](#) 10 July 2013.

Proposal on protective measures against plant pests (COM(2013)267)

[Explanatory memorandum](#) issued by Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs 22 May 2013.

[Initial impact assessment](#) for EU proposal issued by DEFRA May 2013

Ministerial correspondence [26 June 2013](#) and [25 January 2014](#).

European Scrutiny Committee 9th Report [HC 83-ix 2013-14](#) 10 July 2013.

Proposal on management of expenditure (COM(2013)327)

[Explanatory memorandum](#) issued by Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs 21 June 2013.

Ministerial correspondence [22 January 2014](#).

European Scrutiny Committee 12th Report [HC 83-xii 2013-14](#) 17 July 2013.

4.2 House of Lords

The 4 main proposals were sifted to EU sub-Committee D Agriculture, Fisheries, Environment and Energy in June 2013.

The proposal on management of expenditure was sifted to EU sub-Committee D Agriculture, Fisheries, Environment and Energy in June 2013 and cleared by the sub-Committee 9 October 2013.

5 Comment

5.1 EurActiv

EurActiv is an independent organisation which runs a website specialising in EU news and analysis.

[EU tables revised food safety rules on back of horsemeat scandal](#). 7 May 2013.