



European Economic and Social Committee

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Pet animals/
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OPINION

of the

European Economic and Social Committee

on the

Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EC) No 998/2003 on the animal health requirements applicable to the non-commercial movements of pet animals as regards the extension of the transitional period.

COM(2007) 572 final – 2007/0202 COD

On 23 October 2007 the Council decided to consult the European Economic and Social Committee, under Articles 37 and 152 (4 (b)) of the Treaty establishing the European Community, on the

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Since the Committee unreservedly endorses the contents of the proposal and has already set out its views on the subject in its earlier opinion CESE 1411/2000, adopted on 29 November 2000*, it decided, at its 440th plenary session, held on 12 and 13 December 2007 (meeting of 12 December), by 131 votes with 4 abstentions to issue an opinion endorsing the proposal and to refer to the position it had taken in the abovementioned document.

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The President
of the
European Economic and Social Committee

The Secretary-General
of the
European Economic and Social Committee

Dimitris Dimitriadis

Patrick Venturini

* EESC opinion on the *Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the animal-health requirements applicable to non-commercial movement of pet animals* – COM(2000) 529 final – 2000/0221 COD (OJ C 116 of 20.4.2001, p. 54-56).