



European Economic and Social Committee

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References to zootechnical
legislation (category C)

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OPINION

of the

European Economic and Social Committee

on the

Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Directives
89/608/EEC, 90/425/EEC and 91/496/EEC as regards references to zootechnical legislation

COM(2014) 4 final – 2014/0033 COD

On 25 February 2014 the European Parliament and on 19 March 2014 the Council decided to consult the European Economic and Social Committee, under Article 42 and 43(2) of the TFEU, on the

Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Directives 89/608/EEC, 90/425/EEC and 91/496/EEC as regards references to zootechnical legislation

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Since the Committee has already set out its views on the content of the proposal in question in its opinions CES4014-2013_00_00_TRA_AC, adopted on 16 October 2013* and CES 1331/88, adopted on 14 December 1988**, it decided, at its 497th plenary session of 25 and 26 March 2014 (meeting of 25 March), by 139 votes to 3 with 17 abstentions, not to draw up a new opinion on the subject, but to refer to the position it had taken in the above-mentioned documents.

* EESC opinion NAT/611 on the 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) and the Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council 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, [OJ 2014/C 67/34](#), page 166 of 6 March 2014.

** ESC opinion AGR/326 on the Proposal for a Council Regulation (EEC) concerning veterinary checks in intra-Community trade with a view to the completion of the internal market, on the Proposal for a Council Regulation (EEC) on intensifying controls on the application of the veterinary rules, and on the Proposal for a Council Regulation (EEC) amending Regulation (EEC) No 1468/81 on mutual assistance between the administrative authorities of the Member States and cooperation between the latter and the Commission to ensure the correct application of the law on customs or agricultural matters, [OJ 1989/C 56](#), page 20 of 6 March 1989.

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