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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)0572 – C6-0334/2007 – 2007/0202(COD))

Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety

Rapporteur: Miroslav Ouzký

Symbols for procedures

- * Consultation procedure
majority of the votes cast
- **I Cooperation procedure (first reading)
majority of the votes cast
- **II Cooperation procedure (second reading)
majority of the votes cast, to approve the common position
majority of Parliament's component Members, to reject or amend the common position
- *** Assent procedure
majority of Parliament's component Members except in cases covered by Articles 105, 107, 161 and 300 of the EC Treaty and Article 7 of the EU Treaty
- ***I Codecision procedure (first reading)
majority of the votes cast
- ***II Codecision procedure (second reading)
majority of the votes cast, to approve the common position
majority of Parliament's component Members, to reject or amend the common position
- ***III Codecision procedure (third reading)
majority of the votes cast, to approve the joint text

(The type of procedure depends on the legal basis proposed by the Commission.)

Amendments to a legislative text

In amendments by Parliament, amended text is highlighted in ***bold italics***. Highlighting in *normal italics* is an indication for the relevant departments showing parts of the legislative text for which a correction is proposed, to assist preparation of the final text (for instance, obvious errors or omissions in a given language version). These suggested corrections are subject to the agreement of the departments concerned.

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DRAFT EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION

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(Codecision procedure: first reading)

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the Commission proposal to the European Parliament and the Council (COM(2007)0572),
 - having regard to Articles 251(2), 37 and 152(4)(b) of the EC Treaty, pursuant to which the Commission submitted the proposal to Parliament (C6-0334/2007),
 - having regard to Rule 51 of its Rules of Procedure,
 - having regard to the report of the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety (A6-0051/2008),
1. Approves the Commission proposal as amended;
 2. Calls on the Commission to refer the matter to Parliament again if it intends to amend the proposal substantially or replace it with another text;
 3. Instructs its President to forward its position to the Council and Commission.

Amendment 1

Proposal for a regulation – amending act

Article 1 - point 1

Regulation (EC) No 998/2003

Article 6 – paragraph 1 – introductory phrase

Text proposed by the Commission

Until **31 August 2009**, the entry of the pet animals listed in Part A of Annex I into the territory of Ireland, Malta, Sweden and the United Kingdom shall be subject to the following requirements:

Amendment

Until **30 June 2010**, the entry of the pet animals listed in Part A of Annex I into the territory of Ireland, Malta, Sweden and the United Kingdom shall be subject to the following requirements:

Justification

The proposed extension of the transitional period may not be sufficiently long to obtain

agreement on a successor regime and a longer one is more appropriate given there is still no proposal on the table and the European Parliament will be dissolved for elections in 2009.

Amendment 2

Proposal for a regulation – amending act

Article 1 - point 2

Regulation(EC) No 998/2003

Article 16 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

Until **31 August 2009**, Finland, Ireland, Malta, Sweden and the United Kingdom, as regards echinococcosis, and Ireland and the United Kingdom, as regards ticks, may make the entry of pet animals into their territory subject to compliance with the special rules in place on the date on which this Regulation comes into force.

Amendment

Until **30 June 2010**, Finland, Ireland, Malta, Sweden and the United Kingdom, as regards echinococcosis, and Ireland, **Malta** and the United Kingdom, as regards ticks, may make the entry of pet animals into their territory subject to compliance with the special rules in place on the date on which this Regulation comes into force.

Justification

This amendment aims at completing the list of countries applying already special requirements concerning ticks with Malta. By mistake in the Commission proposal the name of Malta had not been mentioned amongst those Member States having already a special regime in place regarding anti-tick treatment.

The proposed extension of the transitional period may not be sufficiently long to obtain agreement on a successor regime and a longer one is more appropriate given there is still no proposal on the table and the European Parliament will be dissolved for elections in 2009.

Amendment 3

Proposal for a regulation – amending act

Article 1 - point 3

Regulation (EC) No 998/2003

Article 23

Text proposed by the Commission

(3) In Article 23, the date "1 January 2008" is replaced by the date "**1 September 2009**".

Amendment

(3) In Article 23, the date "1 January 2008" is replaced by the date "**1 July 2010**".

Justification

see justification to amendment to Article 1 - point 1.

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

Regulation (EC) NO.998/2003 harmonises the rules for the non-commercial movements of pet animals between Member States or after entry or re-entry into the Community from third countries. This Regulation introduced amongst others the pet passport for cats, dogs and ferrets when moving from one Member State to another and which has to carry the proof i.a. that the animal has been vaccinated against rabies. The Regulation provides however for temporary derogations which some Member States can apply until 3 July 2008 (Art 6(1) and 16).

Article 6(3) provides the possibility to extend this transitional period by way of legislation but this should be based on a report by the European Commission to be submitted to the European Parliament and the Council (Article 23) before 1 February 2007.

This report could not be submitted in due time .Pending the submission of the report but also given the time needed for a possible, more comprehensive review of the Regulation the Commission proposes to extend the current derogations until 31 August 2009.

PROCEDURE

Title	Animal health requirements applicable to the non-commercial movements of pet animals
References	COM(2007)0572 – C6-0334/2007 – 2007/0202(COD)
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Committee responsible Date announced in plenary	ENVI 11.10.2007
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Not delivering opinions Date of decision	AGRI 21.11.2007
Rapporteur(s) Date appointed	Miroslav Ouzký 31.1.2008
Discussed in committee	25.2.2008
Date adopted	26.2.2008
Result of final vote	+: 34 -: 0 0: 0
Members present for the final vote	Margrete Auken, Irena Belohorská, Johannes Blokland, John Bowis, Magor Imre Csibi, Chris Davies, Avril Doyle, Mojca Drčar Murko, Edite Estrela, Jill Evans, Matthias Groote, Satu Hassi, Gyula Hegyi, Marie Anne Isler Béguin, Dan Jørgensen, Christa Klač, Eija-Riitta Korhola, Urszula Krupa, Linda McAvan, Roberto Musacchio, Riitta Myller, Miroslav Ouzký, Guido Sacconi, Karin Scheele, Carl Schlyter, Antonios Trakatellis, Thomas Ulmer, Anja Weisgerber, Glenis Willmott
Substitute(s) present for the final vote	Kathalijne Maria Buitenweg, Hélène Goudin, Genowefa Grabowska, Jutta Haug, Johannes Lebech