

**Electronic identification for ovine and caprine animals \***

**European Parliament legislative resolution of 13 December 2007 on the proposal for a Council regulation amending Regulation (EC) No 21/2004 as regards the date of introduction of electronic identification for ovine and caprine animals (COM(2007)0710 – C6-0448/2007 – 2007/0244(CNS))**

**(Consultation procedure)**

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to the Commission proposal to the Council (COM(2007)0710),
  - having regard to Article 37 of the EC Treaty, pursuant to which the Council consulted Parliament (C6-0448/2007),
  - having regard to Rule 51 of its Rules of Procedure,
  - having regard to the report of the Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development (A6-0501/2007),
1. Approves the Commission proposal as amended;
  2. Calls on the Commission to alter its proposal accordingly, pursuant to Article 250(2) of the EC Treaty;
  3. Calls on the Council to notify Parliament if it intends to depart from the text approved by Parliament;
  4. Asks the Council to consult Parliament again if it intends to amend the Commission proposal substantially;
  5. Instructs its President to forward its position to the Council and the Commission.

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Text proposed by the Commission

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Amendments by Parliament

Amendment 6  
RECITAL 5 A (new)

*(5a) The Commission should investigate in the framework of the Health Check of the CAP Reform the possibility of helping farmers to cope with the high costs of procuring the required equipment, by creating the possibility for Member States to incorporate such measures within their*

*rural development programmes.*

Amendment 1

ARTICLE 1, POINT 1

Article 9, paragraph 3, subparagraph 1 (Regulation (EC) No 21/2004)

"3. As from *a date to be established in accordance with the procedure referred to in Article 13(2)*, electronic identification according to the guidelines referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article, and in accordance with the relevant provisions of Section A of the Annex, shall be obligatory for all animals born after that date. *That date:*

*(a) shall be established on the basis of the assessment of the technical implications, of the costs and of the overall impact of the use of electronic identification;*

*(b) must be established no later than 12 months before the date the use of electronic identification becomes obligatory."*

"3. As from **31 December 2009**, electronic identification according to the guidelines referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article, and in accordance with the relevant provisions of Section A of the Annex, shall be obligatory for all animals born after that date."

Amendment 2

ARTICLE 1, POINT 2 A (NEW)

Article 9, paragraph 4 a (new) (Regulation (EC) No 21/2004)

*(2a) In Article 9, the following paragraph shall be added:*

*"4a. The Commission shall submit a report to the European Parliament and the Council by 31 December 2009 on the justification for individual electronic identification systems, and other traceability systems in terms of disease control and on how such systems might be further simplified for farmers and administrative authorities. The report shall be accompanied by appropriate legislative proposals."*