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DRAFT REPORT

on the proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EC) No 726/2004 as regards the location of the seat of the European Medicines Agency
(COM(2017)0735 – C8-0421/2017 – 2017/0328(COD))

Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety

Rapporteur: Giovanni La Via

Symbols for procedures

- * Consultation procedure
- *** Consent procedure
- ***I Ordinary legislative procedure (first reading)
- ***II Ordinary legislative procedure (second reading)
- ***III Ordinary legislative procedure (third reading)

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

Amendments to a draft act

Amendments by Parliament set out in two columns

Deletions are indicated in ***bold italics*** in the left-hand column. Replacements are indicated in ***bold italics*** in both columns. New text is indicated in ***bold italics*** in the right-hand column.

The first and second lines of the header of each amendment identify the relevant part of the draft act under consideration. If an amendment pertains to an existing act that the draft act is seeking to amend, the amendment heading includes a third line identifying the existing act and a fourth line identifying the provision in that act that Parliament wishes to amend.

Amendments by Parliament in the form of a consolidated text

New text is highlighted in ***bold italics***. Deletions are indicated using either the ▯ symbol or ~~strikeout~~. Replacements are indicated by highlighting the new text in ***bold italics*** and by deleting or striking out the text that has been replaced.

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(Ordinary legislative procedure: first reading)

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the Commission proposal to Parliament and the Council (COM(2017)0735),
 - having regard to Article 294(2) and Articles 114 and 168(4)(c) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, pursuant to which the Commission submitted the proposal to Parliament (C8-0421/2017),
 - having regard to Article 294(3) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,
 - having regard to Rule 59 of its Rules of Procedure,
 - having regard to the report of the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety and the position in the form of amendments of the Committee on Budgetary Control and the opinions of the Committee on Industry, Research and Energy and the Committee on Constitutional Affairs (A8-0000/2018),
1. Adopts its position at first reading, taking over the Commission proposal;
 2. Regrets that the European Parliament - and ultimately the representatives of the Union's citizens - were not fully involved in the procedure to select the new seat of the European Medicines Agency (EMA), which was eventually concluded by drawing lots, despite it being such an important decision; decisions in relation to the location of bodies and agencies need, and legally should, be taken under the ordinary legislative procedure, fully respecting the European Parliament's prerogatives, whereby the European Parliament and the Council are equal co-legislators;
 3. Calls on the budgetary authorities and the Commission to ensure that the costs relating to the change in the seat of EMA will be fully covered by the current host country;
 4. Calls on the budgetary authorities and the Commission to ensure that the additional costs relating to the double transfer of the seat of EMA, first to a temporary location, and then to the Vivaldi Building, will be fully covered by the Dutch government and thus will not adversely affect the general budget of the Union;
 5. Calls on the budgetary authorities and the Commission to ensure that the double transfer will not jeopardise the normal operational needs of EMA, and will guarantee business continuity and EMA's smooth functioning, without disruption, beyond March 2019;
 6. Calls on the Commission to refer the matter to Parliament again if it replaces, substantially amends or intends to substantially amend its proposal;

7. Instructs its President to forward its position to the Council, the Commission and the national parliaments.