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# **AMENDMENTS**

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**Draft report**  
**Veronika Vrecionová**  
(PE652.324v01-00)

Equivalence of field inspections carried out in Ukraine on cereal seed-producing crops and on the equivalence of cereal seed produced in Ukraine

Proposal for a decision  
(COM(2020)0137 – C9-0100/2020 – 2020/0053(COD))



**Amendment 1**  
**Gilles Lebreton**

**Proposal for a decision**

—

*Proposal for rejection*

***The European Parliament rejects the  
Commission proposal.***

Or. fr

**Amendment 2**  
**Jérémy Decerle, Charles Goerens, Irène Tolleret**

**Proposal for a decision**

—

*Proposal for rejection*

***The European Parliament rejects the  
Commission proposal.***

Or. en

**Amendment 3**  
**Ivan David, Elena Lizzi, Gilles Lebreton, Angelo Ciocca, Mara Bizzotto**

**Proposal for a decision**

—

*Proposal for rejection*

***The European Parliament rejects the  
Commission proposal.***

Or. en

**Amendment 4**  
**Jérémy Decerle, Charles Goerens, Irène Tolleret**

**Draft legislative resolution**  
**Paragraph 1**

*Draft legislative resolution*

1. *Adopts its position at* first reading,  
*taking over* the Commission proposal;

*Amendment*

1. *In the absence of an impact assessment, asks for the suspension of the* first reading *of* the Commission proposal;

Or. en

**Amendment 5**  
**Jérémy Decerle, Charles Goerens, Irène Tolleret**

**Draft legislative resolution**  
**Paragraph 1 a (new)**

*Draft legislative resolution*

*1a. Calls on the Commission to carry out an impact assessment, before any decision is taken, in order to check whether this Decision will create any economic imbalances on the Union seed market;*

*Amendment*

Or. en

**Amendment 6**  
**Jérémy Decerle, Charles Goerens, Irène Tolleret**

**Draft legislative resolution**  
**Paragraph 2**

*Draft legislative resolution*

2. Calls on the Commission to refer the matter to Parliament *again if it replaces, substantially amends or intends to substantially* amend its proposal;

*Amendment*

2. Calls on the Commission to refer the matter *back* to Parliament *as soon as the impact assessment is carried out and to* amend its proposal *accordingly*;

Or. en

**Amendment 7**  
**Gilles Lebreton**

**Proposal for a decision**  
**Recital 1 a (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

***(1a) The Commission has refused to provide an impact assessment, despite repeated requests from the European Parliament and European seed producers;***

Or. fr

**Amendment 8**  
**Gilles Lebreton**

**Proposal for a decision**  
**Recital 1 b (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

***(1b) As the first chain in any agricultural system, seed production plays a key role in the food sovereignty agenda and, as such, should be protected at all costs;***

Or. fr

**Amendment 9**  
**Gilles Lebreton**

**Proposal for a decision**  
**Recital 1 c (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

***(1c) Recognising the equivalence of inspections in Ukraine will bring no benefit to European seed producers; it will merely lay them open to further unfair competition from a third country***

*able to export without restraint;*

Or. fr

**Amendment 10**  
**Gilles Lebreton**

**Proposal for a decision**  
**Recital 1 d (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

***(1d) Only large agro-chemical companies and seed producers are in favour of recognising this equivalence; surprisingly, these companies have also been preparing for this liberalisation for several years insofar as they have shifted large parts of their production business to Ukraine; therefore, if this procedure comes to fruition, it would be perfectly legitimate to strongly suspect collusion between the agro-seed industry and the European Commission;***

Or. fr

**Amendment 11**  
**Gilles Lebreton**

**Proposal for a decision**  
**Recital 1 e (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

***(1e) France is the world's largest seed exporter, with net trade of close to EUR one billion per year; the Commission's risky venture endangers this country's first-rate industry, comprising some 20 000 farms, and its invaluable agricultural research;***

Or. fr

**Amendment 12**  
**Jérémy Decerle, Charles Goerens, Irène Tolleret**

**Proposal for a decision**  
**Recital 4 a (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

***(4a) Some standards and production patterns in Ukraine are not fully in line with Union requirements, and phytosanitary and social conditions are not the same as in the Union;***

Or. en

**Amendment 13**  
**Jérémy Decerle, Charles Goerens, Irène Tolleret**

**Proposal for a decision**  
**Recital 4 b (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

***(4b) The Commission has not carried out an impact assessment in order to determine whether this decision will create any economic imbalances on the Union seed market;***

Or. en

**Amendment 14**  
**Anne Sander**

**Proposal for a decision**  
**Recital 5**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

***(5) Therefore it is appropriate to grant equivalence as regards field inspections carried in respect of cereal seed in Ukraine and as regards cereal seed***

***(5) However, the Commission did not conduct an impact assessment examining socio-economic aspects or the likelihood of distortions of competition or market***

*produced in Ukraine and officially certified by its authorities.*

*destabilisation, particularly in the seed sector, before granting the requested equivalence;*

Or. fr

#### **Amendment 15**

**Ivan David, Elena Lizzi, Gilles Lebreton, Angelo Ciocca, Mara Bizzotto**

#### **Proposal for a decision**

##### **Recital 5**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(5) *Therefore* it is appropriate to grant equivalence as regards field inspections carried in respect of cereal seed in Ukraine and as regards cereal seed produced in Ukraine and officially certified by its authorities.

*Amendment*

(5) It is *not* appropriate to grant equivalence as regards field inspections carried in respect of cereal seed in Ukraine and as regards cereal seed produced in Ukraine and officially certified by its authorities.

Or. en

#### **Amendment 16**

**Ivan David, Elena Lizzi, Gilles Lebreton, Angelo Ciocca, Mara Bizzotto**

#### **Proposal for a decision**

##### **Recital 6**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(6) *Decision 2003/17/EC should be therefore amended accordingly,*

*Amendment*

*deleted*

Or. en

#### **Amendment 17**

**Anne Sander**

#### **Proposal for a decision**

##### **Recital 6**



*Text proposed by the Commission*

(6) Decision 2003/17/EC should be therefore amended **accordingly**,

*Amendment*

(6) Decision 2003/17/EC should be therefore amended **and an obligation introduced requiring the Commission to review said amendment to the decision to grant equivalence to field inspections carried out in Ukraine on cereal seed and to cereal seed produced in Ukraine, as officially certified by the national authorities. This review should, at the very least, consider socio-economic aspects and the likelihood of market destabilisation, particularly in the seed sector. Where appropriate, this review can be accompanied by a decision to revoke or suspend such a decision to grant equivalence, if it emerges that the EU seed market has indeed been destabilised.**

Or. fr

**Amendment 18**

**Jérémy Decerle, Charles Goerens, Irène Tolleret**

**Proposal for a decision**

**Recital 6**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(6) Decision 2003/17/EC should be **therefore** amended **accordingly**,

*Amendment*

(6) Decision 2003/17/EC should **only** be amended **after an impact assessment has been carried out.**

Or. en

**Amendment 19**

**Gilles Lebreton**

**Proposal for a decision**

**Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point a**

Decision 2003/17/EC

Annex 1 – table

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

*(a) In the table, the following entry is inserted between 'TR' and 'US':*

*deleted*

*[...]*

Or. fr

## **Amendment 20**

**Anne Sander**

### **Proposal for a decision**

#### **Article 1 a (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

#### *Article 1a*

##### *Review*

*By 1 July 2021 at the latest, the Commission shall review the decision to grant equivalence to field inspections carried out in Ukraine on cereal seed and to cereal seed produced in Ukraine, as officially certified by the national authorities. This review shall, at the very least, consider socio-economic aspects and the likelihood of market destabilisation, particularly in the seed sector. Where appropriate, this review may be accompanied by legislative proposals to revoke or suspend the grant of equivalence to Ukraine, if it emerges that the EU seed market has indeed been destabilised.*

Or. fr

## **Amendment 21**

**Jérémy Decerle, Charles Goerens, Irène Tolleret**

### **Proposal for a decision**

#### **Article 1 a (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

**Article 1a**

***Within six months of publication of this decision in the Official Journal of the European Union, the Commission shall publish an impact assessment of the decision itself, focusing on socio-economic aspects and the likelihood of market destabilisation, particularly in the seed sector. This assessment must take into account regulatory differences in production standards and the use of biotechnology.***

***If the impact assessment reveals that the disadvantages arising from the recognition under this decision outweigh the benefits, the Commission shall make any appropriate legislative proposals.***

Or. fr

**Amendment 22**

**Ivan David, Elena Lizzi, Gilles Lebreton, Angelo Ciocca, Mara Bizzotto**

**Proposal for a decision**

**Article 1 a (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

**Article 1a**

**Checking**

***The phytosanitary authorities of the Member State in which the seed from Ukraine is placed on the Union internal market shall check that such seed complies with Union requirements for seed.***

Or. en

*Justification*

*The aim of the amendment is to maintain checks on seed imported from Ukraine to ensure that the seeds comply with the requirements of EU law on seeds used in the Union. A major*

*problem is the fact that the growing of genetically modified plants is not banned in Ukraine. Not even in the vicinity of a field where seed plants are grown for export to the EU. Pollen from GMO plants can contaminate plants grown for seed.*

*Farmers in EU Member States must have certainty that seeds, which they buy on the market, meet all the requirements of EU seed law. This can be ensured only through phytosanitary controls.*

### **Amendment 23**

**Jérémy Decerle, Charles Goerens, Irène Tolleret**

#### **Proposal for a decision**

#### **Article 2 – paragraph 1**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

This Decision shall enter into force on the twentieth day following that of its publication in the Official Journal of the European Union.

*Amendment*

This Decision shall enter into force on the twentieth day following that of its publication in the Official Journal of the European Union. ***It shall apply on the day following that of the publication of a notice in the "C" series of the Official Journal containing the publication reference of the impact study referred to in Article 1a.***

Or. en