



Plenary sitting

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RECOMMENDATION FOR A DECISION

pursuant to Rule 111(6) of the Rules of Procedure

to raise no objections to the Commission delegated regulation of 8 April 2022 amending Delegated Regulation (EU) 2021/2306 as regards the transitional provisions for certificates of inspection issued in Ukraine (C(2022)02164 – 2022/2637(DEA))

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Draft European Parliament decision to raise no objections to the Commission delegated regulation of 8 April 2022 amending Delegated Regulation (EU) 2021/2306 as regards the transitional provisions for certificates of inspection issued in Ukraine (C(2022)02164 – 2022/2637(DEA))

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the Commission delegated regulation (C(2022)02164),
- having regard to the Commission's letter of 11 April 2022 asking Parliament to declare that it will raise no objections to the delegated regulation,
- having regard to the letter from the Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development to the Chair of the Conference of Committee Chairs of 20 April 2022,
- having regard to Article 290 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,
- having regard to Regulation (EU) 2018/848 of the European Parliament and of the Council¹, and in particular Article 38(8), point (a)(ii), Article 46(7), point (b), and Article 57(3) thereof,
- having regard to Rule 111(6) of its Rules of Procedure,
- having regard to the recommendation for a decision of the Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development,
- A. whereas Russia's invasion of Ukraine on 24 February 2022 constitutes an exceptional and unprecedented challenge for the control authorities and control bodies that have been recognised for the purpose of the export of organic products from Ukraine to the Union, and whereas, in Ukraine, the postal services are also disrupted;
- B. whereas certain control authorities and control bodies recognised in Ukraine for exporting organic products to the Union cannot issue certificates of inspection (COI) with a qualified electronic seal (e-Seal), as required by Article 5(3) of Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2021/2306², because not all such control authorities and control bodies are equipped with an e-Seal;
- C. whereas the control authorities and control bodies cannot make use of the possibility to issue the certificate of inspection on paper, in accordance with the transitional provision in Article 11(1) of Delegated Regulation (EU) 2021/2306 either, given that the postal services in Ukraine are currently disrupted;

¹ Regulation (EU) 2018/848 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 30 May 2018 on organic production and labelling of organic products and repealing Council Regulation (EC) No 834/2007 (OJ L 150, 14.6.2018, p. 1).

² Commission Delegated Regulation 2021/2306 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 21 October 2021 supplementing Regulation (EU) 2018/848 of the European Parliament and of the Council with rules on the official controls in respect of consignments of organic products and in-conversion products intended for import into the Union and on the certificate of inspection (OJ L 461, 27.12.2021, p. 13).

- D. whereas in view of the importance of ensuring that organic products leaving Ukraine can continue to be exported to the Union, the Commission proposed in Delegated Regulation (EU) 2021/2306 to allow, until 30 June 2022, control authorities and control bodies in Ukraine to produce and submit the COI in TRACES in electronic format without the application of an e-Seal;
- E. whereas, due to Russia's invasion of Ukraine and the immediate reaction necessary, this Regulation should apply retroactively from 24 February 2022;
 - 1. Declares that it has no objections to the delegated regulation;
 - 2. Instructs its President to forward this decision to the Council and the Commission.