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Draft report
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Amending Regulation (EU) No 1025/2012 as regards the decisions of European standardisation organisations concerning European standards and European standardisation deliverables

Proposal for a regulation
(COM(2022)0032 – C9-0033/2022 – 2022/0021(COD))
Amendment 4
Maria Grapini, Marc Angel

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 3

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(3) European standards and European standardisation deliverables play an important role for the internal market and consumer protection. Standards do not regulate solely the technical aspect of a product, but they also play an important role for workers, people and environment. For instance, harmonised standards may be used to confer a presumption that products to be made available on the market are in conformity with the essential requirements that are laid down in the relevant Union harmonisation legislation for those products when they comply with the harmonised standards, while ensuring the quality and safety of products and services for consumers and for the environment. Therefore, an inclusive and multi-stakeholder approach guaranteeing the participation of civil society, SME experts, and consumer representatives among others is essential to ensure sound procedure and a balanced representation of stakeholders’ interest.

*Amendment*

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Amendment 5
Malte Gallée, Kim Van Sparrentak, David Cormand, Marcel Kolaja, Francisco Guerreiro, Alexandra Geese
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 4

*Text proposed by the Commission*

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the European standardisation organisations as regards their internal governance and decision-making procedures have changed. As a result, the European standardisation organisations have increased their co-operation with international and European stakeholders. Such cooperation is welcome as it contributes to the transparent, open, impartial and consensus-built standardisation process. However, when European standardisation organisations execute standardisation requests to support Union legislation and policies, unrestricted participation of any stakeholder in their internal decision-making may lead to decisions that do not entirely take into account the interests, policy objectives, and values of the Union as well as public interests in general.

In order to prevent this scenario, the positions of European stakeholders should be duly reflected in the decisions of the European standardisation organisations and of the national standardisation bodies. Furthermore, the participation of legal entities which are not incorporated in the Member State concerned shall not amount to impede the adoption of any decision concerning European standards and European standardisation deliverables supported by the majority of all the other stakeholders participating in the national standardisation bodies.

Justification

The Commission recognises the substantial impact that private companies from third countries (such as China and the US) have on the final drafting of European Standards, and it also recognises that these companies sometimes do not share the values and interests of the EU. For this reason, it is of outmost importance to ensure that the final decisions on standards will primarily take into account the views of stakeholders which are based in the territory of the Union.

Amendment 6
Maria Grapini, Marc Angel
Proposal for a regulation
Recital 4

Text proposed by the Commission

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Text proposed by the Commission

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However, when European standardisation organisations execute standardisation requests to support Union legislation and policies, *unrestricted participation of any stakeholder in their* internal decision-making may lead to decisions that do not entirely take into account the *interests*, policy objectives, *and values* of the Union *as well as public interests in general.*

Nevertheless, when European standardisation organisations execute standardisation requests to support Union legislation and policies, internal decision-making concerning working programmes or *priorities* may lead to decisions that do not entirely take into account the policy objectives of the Union.

Amendment 8
Anne-Sophie Pelletier

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 4 a (new)

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(4 a) *Standards can have a broad impact on society, in particular on the safety and well-being of citizens, in many public policy fields. Therefore, it is necessary to ensure that the role and the input of all relevant stakeholders representing the public and societal interest in the elaboration of standards is strengthened. A clarification of the framework is therefore necessary in order to ensure transparency and impartiality in the decisions taken. Consequently, internal governance of European standardisation bodies shall take into account the views of every relevant stakeholders, in particular public authorities and civil society organisations.*

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*Or. en*

Amendment 9
Adam Bielan

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 5

Text proposed by the Commission

(5) National standardisation bodies play an essential role in the standardisation system, both, at the Union level, in accordance with Regulation (EU) No 1025/2012, and at the level of Member States. National standardisation bodies are therefore best placed to make sure that the interests, policy objectives and values of the Union as well as public interests in general are duly taken into account in European standardisation organisations. It is therefore necessary to strengthen their role in decision-making bodies of the European standardisation organisations when those bodies take decisions concerning European standards and European standardisation deliverables requested by the Commission under Article 10(1) of Regulation (EU) No 1025/2012.

Amendment

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European standardisation organisations. It
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role in decision-making bodies of the
European standardisation organisations
when those bodies take decisions
concerning European standards and
European standardisation deliverables
requested by the Commission under Article
10(1) of Regulation (EU) No 1025/2012.

Justification

The effective participation of all relevant stakeholders, including SMEs, consumer
organisations, environmental and social stakeholders is a cornerstone of Regulation 1025
and should be stressed in this context.

Amendment 11
Jean-Lin Lacapelle, Virginie Joron, Markus Buchheit

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 6

Text proposed by the Commission

(6) The decision-making bodies of the
European standardisation organisations are
open to participation not only by national
standardisation bodies, but also by national
standardisation organisations of acceding
countries, candidate countries and
potential candidates to the Union, among
others. In order to avoid excluding those
organisations from participation in the
work of decision-making bodies
concerned, it is only necessary to provide
that the decisions in those bodies
concerning European standards and
European standardisation deliverables
requested under Article 10(1) of
Regulation (EU) No 1025/2012 be taken

Amendment

(6) The decision-making bodies of the
European standardisation organisations are
open to participation not only by national
standardisation bodies, but also by national
standardisation organisations of acceding
countries as observers. In order to avoid
excluding those organisations from
participation in the work of decision-
making bodies concerned, while
preserving the interests and autonomy of
the European Union regarding its
decisions in standardisation, it is only
necessary to provide that the decisions in
those bodies concerning European
standards and European standardisation
deliverables requested under Article 10(1)
of Regulation (EU) No 1025/2012 be taken exclusively by representatives of the Member States' national standardisation bodies, while also taking into account the input of national standardisation organisations of third-party States or organisations.

Amendment 12
Jean-Lin Lacapelle, Virginie Joron, Markus Buchheit

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 7

Text proposed by the Commission

(7) In order for the requirement for decisions in the decision-making bodies of European standardisation organisations concerning European standards and European standardisation deliverables requested by the Commission under Article 10(1) of Regulation (EU) No 1025/2012 to be taken exclusively by representatives of national standardisations bodies to be effective, it is necessary to provide that the Commission may only make such requests to a European standardisation organisation that complies with that requirement.

Amendment

(7) In order for the requirement for decisions in the decision-making bodies of European standardisation organisations concerning European standards and European standardisation deliverables requested by the Commission under Article 10(1) of Regulation (EU) No 1025/2012 to be taken exclusively by representatives of Member States' national standardisations bodies to be effective, it is necessary to provide that the Commission may only make such requests to a European standardisation organisation that complies with that requirement.

Amendment 13
Jean-Lin Lacapelle, Virginie Joron, Markus Buchheit

Proposal for a regulation
Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point 1
Regulation (EU) No 1025/2012
Article 10 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

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The Commission may within the limitations of the competences laid down in the Treaties, request that one or several European standardisation organisations draft a European standard or European standardisation deliverable within a set deadline, provided that the European standardisation organisation concerned complies with paragraph 2a.;

European standards and European standardisation deliverables take into account the public interest and are based on consensus;

Or. en

Amendment 14
Maria Grapini

Proposal for a regulation
Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point 2
Regulation (EU) No 1025/2012
Article 10 – paragraph 2a – introductory part

Text proposed by the Commission

2a. Each European standardisation organisation shall ensure that the following decisions concerning European standards and European standardisation deliverables referred to in paragraph 1 are taken exclusively by representatives of the national standardisation bodies within the competent decision-making body of that organisation:

Amendment

2a. Each European standardisation organisation shall ensure that the following decisions concerning European standards and European standardisation deliverables referred to in paragraph 1 are taken exclusively by representatives of the national standardisation bodies within the competent decision-making body of that organisation, whose positions reflect the participation and consensus of all concerned national stakeholders having their headquarters in that Member State:

Or. en

Amendment 15
Jean-Lin Lacapelle, Virginie Joron, Markus Buchheit

Proposal for a regulation
Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point 2
Regulation (EU) No 1025/2012
Article 10 – paragraph 2a – introductory part

Text proposed by the Commission

2a. Each European standardisation organisation shall ensure that the following decisions concerning European standards and European standardisation deliverables referred to in paragraph 1 are taken exclusively by representatives of the national standardisation bodies within the competent decision-making body of that organisation:

Amendment

2a. Each European standardisation organisation shall ensure that the following decisions concerning European standards and European standardisation deliverables referred to in paragraph 1 are taken exclusively by representatives of the Member States' national standardisation bodies within the competent decision-making body of that organisation, taking into account the opinion of participating third-party States' or organisations' national standardisation organisations:

Or. en

Amendment 16
Andrea Caroppo, Arba Kokalari, Maria da Graça Carvalho

Proposal for a regulation
Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point 2
Regulation (EU) No 1025/2012
Article 10 – paragraph 2a – introductory part

Text proposed by the Commission

2a. Each European standardisation organisation shall ensure that the following decisions concerning European standards and European standardisation deliverables referred to in paragraph 1 are taken exclusively by representatives of the national standardisation bodies within the competent decision-making body of that organisation:

Amendment

2a. Each European standardisation organisation shall ensure that the following decisions concerning European standards and European standardisation deliverables referred to in paragraph 1 are taken ultimately by national delegations or representatives of the national standardisation bodies within the competent decision-making body of that organisation:

Or. en

Amendment 17
Andrea Caroppo, Arba Kokalari, Maria da Graça Carvalho
Proposal for a regulation
Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point 2
Regulation (EU) No 1025/2012
Article 10 – paragraph 2a – point a

Text proposed by the Commission
(a) decisions on the acceptance, refusal and execution of standardisation requests;

Amendment
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Or. en

Amendment 18
Andrea Caroppo, Arba Kokalari, Maria da Graça Carvalho

Proposal for a regulation
Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point 2
Regulation (EU) No 1025/2012
Article 10 – paragraph 2a – point b

Text proposed by the Commission
(b) decisions on the acceptance of new work items;

Amendment
deleted

Or. en

Amendment 19
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on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a regulation
Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point 2
Regulation (EU) No 1025/2012
Article 10 – paragraph 2a a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission
2a a. The decisions of the national standardisation bodies shall reflect the outcome of the consultation and the consensus-building process with all stakeholders, taking in due account the

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positions of stakeholders and legal entities incorporated in the territory of the Member State concerned.

Amendment 20
Maria Grapini

Proposal for a regulation
Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point 2 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(2 a) The certification of a product standard or the accreditation of compliant laboratories may be carried out in any Member State.