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III

(Preparatory acts)

EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

Marketing standards for poultrymeat *

P6_TA(2009)0336

European Parliament legislative resolution of 5 May 2009 on the proposal for a Council regulation amending Regulation (EC) No 1234/2007 establishing a common organisation of agricultural markets as regards the marketing standards for poultrymeat (COM(2008)0336 - C6-0247/2008 - 2008/0108(CNS))

(2010/C 212 E/27)

(Consultation procedure)

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the Commission proposal to the Council (COM(2008)0336),
- having regard to Article 37 of the EC Treaty, pursuant to which the Council consulted Parliament (C6-0247/2008),
- having regard to Rule 51 of its Rules of Procedure,
- having regard to the report of the Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development and the opinion of the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety (A6-0223/2009),
- 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

AMENDMENT

Amendment 1 Proposal for a regulation – amending act Recital 5

deleted

(5) The exclusive reference to cold treatment in the definition of 'poultrymeat' is too restrictive in view of technological developments. That definition should therefore be adapted.

Amendment 2

Proposal for a regulation – amending act Recital 6 a (new)

(6a) Compulsory indication of the origin or source of the meat enables consumers to make a properly informed choice.

Amendment 3

Proposal for a regulation – amending act Recital 6 b (new)

(6b) So as to provide optimal information to consumers, indicating the date of slaughter of the bird should be mandatory where the labelling of all poultrymeat products is concerned.

Amendment 4 Proposal for a regulation – amending act Annex – point 2 Regulation (EC) No 1234/2007 Annex XIV – part B – part II – point 1

1. 'poultrymeat' means the edible parts of farmed birds falling within CN code 0105.

1. 'poultrymeat' means poultrymeat suitable for human consumption, which has not undergone any treatment other than cold treatment.

Amendment 5 Proposal for a regulation – amending act Annex – point 2 Regulation (EC) No 1234/2007 Annex XIV – part B – part II – point 2

2. 'fresh poultrymeat' means poultrymeat which has not been stiffened at any time by the cooling process prior to being kept at a temperature not below -2° C and not higher than $+4^{\circ}$ C. However, Member States may lay down different temperature requirements for a short period for the cutting and storage of fresh poultrymeat performed in retail shops or in premises adjacent to sales points, where the cutting and storage are performed solely for the purpose of supplying the consumer directly on the spot. 2. 'fresh poultrymeat' means poultrymeat which has not been stiffened at any time by the cooling process prior to being kept at a temperature not below -2°C and not higher than +4°C. However, fresh poultrymeat intended for the production of meat preparations may undergo a process of stiffening at temperatures below 2°C for a brief period: indicating the date of slaughter shall be mandatory on all poultrymeat products.

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AMENDMENT

Amendment 6 Proposal for a regulation – amending act Annex – point 3 a (new) Regulation (EC) No 1234/2007 Annex XIV– part B – part III a (new)

3a. The following is added:

'IIIa. Compulsory information on the label

The name of the food in the labelling of any poultrymeat product shall include an indication of:

- (a) any added ingredient of a different animal origin to the rest of the meat; and
- (b) any added water making up more than 5 % of the weight of the product'

Amendment 7 Proposal for a regulation – amending act Annex – point 3 b (new) Regulation (EC) No 1234/2007 Annex XIV– part B – part III b (new)

3b. The following is added:

'IIIb. Indication of price

The price per kilogram of the food shall be based solely on the drained net weight.'.