

Tuesday 12 March 2019

P8_TA(2019)0152

Unfair trading practices in business-to-business relationships in the food supply chain *I**

European Parliament legislative resolution of 12 March 2019 on the proposal for a directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on unfair trading practices in business-to-business relationships in the food supply chain (COM(2018)0173 — C8-0139/2018 — 2018/0082(COD))

(Ordinary legislative procedure: first reading)

(2021/C 23/44)

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the Commission proposal to Parliament and the Council (COM(2018)0173),
 - having regard to Article 294(2) and Article 43(2) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, pursuant to which the Commission submitted the proposal to Parliament (C8-0139/2018),
 - having regard to Article 294(3) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,
 - having regard to the reasoned opinion submitted, within the framework of Protocol No 2 on the application of the principles of subsidiarity and proportionality, by the Swedish Parliament, asserting that the draft legislative act does not comply with the principle of subsidiarity,
 - having regard to the opinion of the European Economic and Social Committee of 19 September 2018 ⁽¹⁾,
 - having regard to the opinion of the Committee of the Regions of 4 July 2018 ⁽²⁾
 - having regard to the provisional agreement approved by the committee responsible under Rule 69f(4) of its Rules of Procedure and the undertaking given by the Council representative by letter of 14 January 2019 to approve Parliament's position, in accordance with Article 294(4) 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 Agriculture and Rural Development and the opinions of the Committee on the Internal Market and Consumer Protection, the Committee on Development and the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety (A8-0309/2018),
1. Adopts its position at first reading hereinafter set out;
 2. Approves its statement annexed to this resolution;
 3. Approves the joint statement of the Parliament, the Council and the Commission annexed to this resolution;
 4. Calls on the Commission to refer the matter to Parliament again if it replaces, substantially amends or intends to substantially amend its proposal;
 5. Instructs its President to forward its position to the Council, the Commission and the national parliaments.

⁽¹⁾ OJ C 440, 6.12.2018, p. 165.

⁽²⁾ OJ C 387, 25.10.2018, p. 48.

Tuesday 12 March 2019

P8_TC1-COD(2018)0082

Position of the European Parliament adopted at first reading on 12 March 2019 with a view to the adoption of Directive (EU) 2019/... of the European Parliament and of the Council on unfair trading practices in business-to-business relationships in the agricultural and food supply chain

(As an agreement was reached between Parliament and Council, Parliament's position corresponds to the final legislative act, Directive (EU) 2019/633.)

Tuesday 12 March 2019

ANNEX TO THE LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION

Statement by the European Parliament on buying alliances

The European Parliament, while acknowledging the possible role played by alliances of buyers in creating economic efficiencies in the agricultural and food supply chain, stresses that the current lack of information does not allow for an evaluation of the economic effects of such alliances of buyers on the functioning of the supply chain.

In this regard, the European Parliament calls on the Commission to launch without delay an in-depth analysis on the extent and effects of these national and international buying alliances on the economic functioning of the agricultural and food supply chain.

Joint statement by the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission on transparency of the agricultural and food markets

The European Parliament, the Council and the Commission stress that the transparency of agricultural and food markets is a key element of a well-functioning agricultural and food supply chain, in order to better inform the choices of economic operators and public authorities as well as to facilitate the understanding of operators on market developments. The Commission is encouraged to continue its ongoing work to enhance market transparency at EU level. This may include the strengthening of the work on EU market observatories and improving the collection of statistical data necessary for the analysis of price formation mechanisms along the agricultural and food supply chain.
