



THE PARLIAMENT OF THE CZECH REPUBLIC

SENATE

9th TERM

COMMITTEE on EU AFFAIRS

291st RESOLUTION

delivered on the 31st meeting held on 12th June 2014

on the Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on organic production and labelling of organic products, amending Regulation (EU) No XXX/XXX of the European Parliament and of the Council [Official controls Regulation] and repealing Council Regulation (EC) No 834/2007

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and

**on the Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions
Action Plan for the future of Organic Production in the European Union**

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Following introductory information from Mr. Jiří Jirsa, Deputy Minister of Agriculture, having regard to the Opinion of the Committee on National Economy, Agriculture and Transport, following the rapporteur's report by Senator Jan Látko and after a debate

The Committee

I. Adopts

a recommendation

- on the Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on organic production and labelling of organic products, amending Regulation (EU) No XXX/XXX of the European Parliament and of the Council [Official controls Regulation] and repealing Council Regulation (EC) No 834/2007, and
- on the Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions Action Plan for the future of Organic Production in the European Union, attached to this Resolution;

II. Recommends

that the Senate of the Parliament of the Czech Republic give a statement

- on the Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on organic production and labelling of organic products, amending Regulation (EU) No XXX/XXX of the European Parliament and of the Council [Official controls Regulation] and repealing Council Regulation (EC) No 834/2007, and
- on the Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions Action Plan for the future of Organic Production in the European Union,

in accordance with the recommendation adopted by the Committee;

III. Appoints

Senator Jan Látko the Committee's rapporteur at the plenary session of the Senate of the Parliament of the Czech Republic;

IV. Authorises

the Committee Chairperson Senator Miroslav Krejča to submit this Resolution to the President of the Senate of the Parliament of the Czech Republic.

Miroslav Krejča

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Committee Chairperson

Jan Látko

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Committee Rapporteur

Tomáš Grulich

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Committee Verifier

Recommendation to the Senate of the Parliament of the Czech Republic
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The Senate of the Parliament of the Czech Republic

I.

Perceives positively

the creation of the Action plan and efforts of the European Commission to establish an efficient and effective legal framework for organic production and for organic farming in general;

II.

1. Supports

simplification and especially harmonization of existing legal acts in the area of organic farming as well as tightening the conditions and rules for all operators;

2. Points out,

however, in this context, that it is necessary to continue to respect the regional specificities of Member States;

3. Is not convinced

that the new control system based on risk assessment is suitable as operators with a low risk profile may be inspected less frequently; official controls should take place at all operators at least once a year so that the transparency and reliability of the control system can be maintained;

4. Disagrees

with conferring wide-ranging powers on the Commission to adopt delegated acts, especially in sensitive areas of regional character such as wine production;

III.

1. Requests the Government to inform the Senate about the way this position was taken into account and to provide the Senate with further information on the proceeding of negotiations;

2. Authorises the President of the Senate to forward this Resolution to the European Commission.