PRM amendments with comments

Article 2 Scope and objectives

Article 2, Scope and objectives, paragraph 1		
Original text	Proposal/AMs * Euroseeds	Comments & explanations
The requirements concerning production of PRM shall apply only to production with a view to its marketing.	The requirements concerning production of PRM shall apply only to production or import with a view to its marketing in the Union.	Imports of PRM solely for processing and re- export should be excluded from the scope of this regulation

See also Dorfmann Amendment 2.

The Euroseeds version is clearer.

Many (vegetable) companies bring material from third countries into the EU for quality control, testing or processing etc., before re-exporting it (again) for the next steps of their breeding, production, or marketing.

It shall be clarified that such movement shall still be possible outside the scope of this legislation as these imports are not for marketing of the material in the European Union.

Feedback DG SANTE: Plat Health legislation would apply; but no intention to restrict the movement of material for these purposes.

Article 3 **Definitions**

Article 3, Defination, paragraph 1 subparagraph 36 (New)		
Original text	Proposal/AMs * Euroseeds	Comments & explanations
New	Breeding means all activities, practices and transfers involved in developing new plant varieties and their selection prior to application for registration	To ensure that breeders can continue to make their variety selections based on user information prior to application.

Companies may want to test materials, for which no application for listing has been made yet, under different conditions with the objective to gain further clarity for which one application shall be filed.

There is no transfer of ownership and no commercial exploitation.

It shall be clarified that such activities are part of the regular breeding activities, even if these are carried out on the premises of third parties.

Feedback DG SANTE: positive; no intention to restrict breeding activities; but should not become a second pre-listing option.

Article 13
Lots

Article 13, Lots, paragraph 2		
Original text	Proposal/AMs * Euroseeds	Comments & explanations
2. During processing, packaging, storage, or at delivery, lots of PRM may be merged into a new lot only if they belong to the same variety and harvest year.	2. During processing, packaging, storage, or at delivery, lots of PRM may be merged into a new lot only if they belong to the same variety and harvest year.	To avoid potential seed waste. Quality of the lots is already ensured, in any case, by the Annexes of this legislation

See Dorfman Amendment 17.

Identical.

Feedback DG SANTE: ok; similar feedback from Member States

Article 17
Content of labels

Original text	Proposal/AMs * Euroseeds	Comments & explanations
3. Any space of the official label or the operator's label apart from the elements mentioned in paragraph 4, may be used for additional information by the competent authority. Such information shall be presented in letters not larger than those used for the content of the official label or the operator's label as referred to in paragraph 4. That additional information shall be strictly factual, it shall not represent advertising material, and shall be related only to the production and marketing requirements or to labelling requirements for genetically modified organisms or category 1 NGT plants as defined in Article 3(7) of Regulation (EU)/ (Office of Publications, please insert reference to NGT Regulation).	3. Any space of the official label or the operator's label apart from the elements mentioned in paragraph 4, may be used for additional information by the competent authority. Such information shall be presented in letters not larger than those used for the content of the official label or the operator's label as referred to in paragraph 4. That additional information shall be strictly factual, it shall not represent advertising material, and shall be related only to the production and marketing requirements or to labelling requirements for genetically modified organisms or eategory 1 NGT plants as defined in Article 3(7) of Regulation (EU)/ (Office of Publications, please insert reference to NGT Regulation). as specified in other relevant EU legislation	This will avoid inconsistencies between different pieces of legislation

To be suggested to MEPs with an interest in the NGT file.

Article 27
PRM of heterogeneous material

Original text	* Euroseeds	Comments & explanations
1. By way of derogation from Article 5, PRM of heterogeneous material may be produced and marketed within the Union without belonging to a variety. The heterogeneous material shall be notified to and register by the competent authority prior to its production and/or marketing, in accordance with the requirements set out in Annex VI.	1. By way of derogation from Article 5, PRM of heterogeneous material other than fodder plants may be produced and marketed within the Union without belonging to a variety. The heterogeneous material shall be notified to and register by the competent authority prior to its production and/or marketing, in accordance with the requirements set out in Annex VI.	Breeding methods described to obtained heterogeneous material are the same used to obtain regular varieties for fodder plants and therefore, heterogeneous material and regular varieties of fodder plants do not differ fundamentally. Given the much lower requirements to market heterogeneous material, this could lead to unfair competition

CPRM agreed that it would be more appropriate to include an Annex with a list of defined species to be exempted from the derogation. A first draft list arrived at >40 species.

See Dorfman Amendment 29; identical.

Article 30 Seed exchanged in kind between farmers

2 subparagraph a Original text	Proposal/AMs * Euroseeds	Comments & explanations
(a) not to belong to a to variety for which plant variety rights have been granted in accordance with Regulation (EU) 2100/94;	(a) not to belong to a to variety for which plant variety rights have been applied or granted in accordance with Regulation (EU) 2100/94;	It sometimes takes a long time to grant PVP. Farmer exchange when PVP is applied would violate provisional PVP protection.

According to the UPOV 91 Act (Article 13) and Regulation (EU) 2100/94 which implements the Act, breeders already enjoy provisional rights once the application is public. Although the addition may have little relevance in practice (variety right requires "only" DUS while listing requires additional VSCU and therefore is unlikely to be granted much later), the amendment provides for additional clarity.

To be suggested to MEPs with an interest in Intellectual Property Rights.

Article 32 PRM of not yet registered varieties

Article 32, PRM of not yet registered varieties, second part of paragraph 1 Original text Proposal/AMs Comments & explanations * Euroseeds Such authorization may be Such authorization may be **Precision** granted for a maximum of 3 granted for a maximum of 3 years in the case of seeds, years in the case of seeds, and 5 years in the case of and 5 years in the case of PRM other than seeds, and PRM other than seeds, and for small quantities per for-small limited quantities species as specified by the as specified by the competent authority. competent authority in correlation with the volume of production at **Member State level**

See also below Amendment 8!

Article 32 PRM of not yet registered varieties

Original text	Proposal/AMs * Euroseeds	Comments & explanations
ay way of derogation from articles 5,7, 10-12,15, 20, 3 and 24, a competent uthority may authorize rofessional operators for a naximum of 3 years in the ase of seeds, and 5 years in the case of PRM other than eeds, and for small uantities per species as pecified by the competent uthority, to produce and narket PRM belonging to a ariety not yet registered in national variety register eferred to in Article 44, if all of the following equirements are fulfilled:	By way of derogation from Articles 5,7, 10-12,15, 20, 23 and 24, a competent authority may authorize professional operators for a maximum of 3 years in the case of seeds, and for 5 years in the case of PRM other than seeds, and for small limited quantities as specified by the competent authority in correlation with the volume of production at Member State level, to produce and market PRM belonging to a variety not yet registered in a national variety register referred to in Article 44, if all of the following	Precision

Amendments 7 and 8 as revised following comments from DG SANTE:

Clear indication from the COM that it wishes to ensure that the provision is used as a limited exception, not as an alternative route to market with less stringent requirements.

requirements are fulfilled: .

Advocacy is probably best through Member States.

 $\begin{tabular}{ll} Article~33\\ \bf Authorisation~in~cases~of~temporary~difficulties~in~the~supply \end{tabular}$

Article 33, Authorisation in cases of temporary difficulties in the supply, paragraph 1		
Original text	Proposal/AMs * Euroseeds	Comments & explanations
That implementing act may set out the maximum quantities, which may be marketedper genera or species.	That implementing act may shall set out the maximum quantities, which may be marketedper genera or species.	There needs to be a proper justification and limitation for material that does not comply with the EU production rules to be marketed in the EU

See also Dorfmann Amendment 35.

Euroseeds version maintains the provision of an implementing instead of a delegated act which seems more appropriate for this Article.

Article 33
Authorisation in cases of temporary difficulties in the supply

Article 33, Authorisation in cases of temporary difficulties in the supply, paragraph 4

Original text Proposal/AMs Comments & explanations * Euroseeds 4. Member States may, 4. Member States may, Before authorizing without obtaining the without obtaining the the marketing of authorisation ofthe authorisation of the lower quality seed, Commission referred to Commission referred to **Member States** in paragraph 1, allow, in paragraph 1, allow, for a maximum period for a maximum period shall notify the of 1 year, and for a of 1 year, and for a Commission and limited limited amount amount of other Member quantities per genera or quantities per genera or States in case species as necessary for species as necessary for supply difficulties in material of the supply difficulties question, the production question, the production required quality is and marketing of seeds and marketing of seeds available that fulfill germination that fulfill germination rates reduced up to 15 rates reduced up to 15 percentage points percentage points compared to the ones set compared to the ones set out pursuant to the out pursuant to implementing implementing referred to in Article referred to in Article 7(3). 7(3). Member States shall inmediately notify the Commission and the other Member States of the use of these provisions.

See also Dorfmann Amendment 38.

Euroseeds version is wider with information obligation to Commission AND Member States...

Article 34
Provisional authorisation in urgency cases for marketing of seeds not certified as complying with applicable quality requirements

Article 34, Provisional authorisation in urgency cases for marketing of seeds not certified as complying with applicable quality requirements, paragraph 2

Original text		ginal text Proposal/AMs * Euroseeds	
2.	The authorisation referred to in paragraph 1 shall be granted on the basis of a an analytical report on the seed, issued by the professional operator, attesting its compliance with the requirements concerning germination, content of other species or purity, adopted pursuant to Article 7(1).	2. The authorisation referred to in paragraph 1 shall be granted on the basis of a provisional an analytical report on the seed, issued by the professional operator, attesting its compliance with the requirements concerning germination, content of other species or purity, adopted pursuant to Article 7(1).	Wording adapted to current provisions for sake of clarity.

Article~43 Annual notification of the intended production and certification of pre-basic, basic and certified seed and material

Original text	* Euroseeds	Comments & explanations
Every year, professional operators shall notify the competent authorities about: (a) their intention to produce prebasic, basic and certified material or pre-basic, basicand certified seed, at least one month before the beginning of that production; and (b) the production of pre-basic, basic and certified material that started in pevious years and continues in the year concerned. That notification shall state the plant species, varieties and categories concerned and the exactlocation of production.	Delete	Article 77.1 on reporting obligations, already ensures that the relevant information related to seed security is collected and shared with Member States on an annual basis. Moreover, in relation to seed security, the relevant information should be "actual seed production" and not "intended seed production", as decisions for seed production vary depending on man external factors

To be discussed with CPRM whether the sector prefers deletion of the whole article or just delete (a) and maintain (b).

See also Dorfmann Amendment 43.

Article~47 Requirements for registration in national variety registers

Article 47, Requirements for registration in national variety
registers, paragraph 1, point f

Original text Proposal/AMs Comments & explanations * Euroseeds where the varieties where the varieties At the time tolerant to herbicides, they tolerant to herbicides, they application for variety are subject to cultivation are subject to a cultivation registration, there is no conditions plan that establishes the for the production of PRM and for conditions cultivation yet, so only of PRM anv other purpose, production, and for any a PLAN setting out the adopted pursuant other purpose, adopted conditions can be paragraph 3 or, in the case pursuant to paragraph 3 submitted. they have not been or, in the case they have adopted, as adopted by the **Cultivation conditions** not been adopted, as competent authorities shall be applied per HT adopted by the responsible trait and species; competent authorities registration, to avoid the duplication of responsible for development of herbicide processes and costs registration, to avoid the resistance in weeds due to development for identical of their use; herbicide resistance in trait/species weeds due to their use: combinations can be avoided. Where a plan establishing such cultivation conditions has already been submitted. it shall apply also to the registrations of subsequent varieties with similar characteristics.

To be mainly pursued with Council.

Article 47
Requirements for registration in national variety registers

Article 47, Requirements for registration in national variety registers, paragraph 1, point g

Original text Proposal/AMs Comments & explanations * Euroseeds where the varieties have where the varieties have At the time particular characteristics particular characteristics other application for variety other than the ones referred than the ones referred to in registration, there is no to in point (f) that may lead point (f) that may lead to to undesirable agronomic cultivation yet, so only effects, they are subject to undesirable agronomic a PLAN setting out the cultivation conditions for the effects, they are subject to a conditions can be production of PRM and any cultivation plan that submitted. other purpose, adopted establishes the conditions for pursuant to paragraph 3 or, **Cultivation conditions** the production of PRM, and in the case they have not shall be applied per any other purpose, adopted been adopted, as adopted by trait and species; the competent authorities pursuant to paragraph 3 or, in duplication of responsible for their the case they have not been processes and costs registration, to avoid those adopted, as adopted by the for identical particular undesirable competent authorities agronomic effects, such as trait/species responsible for their development the of combinations can be registration, considering resistance of pests to the avoided. specific crop, environmental respective varieties or undesirable effects and agronomic conditions in on pollinators. the cultivation area and the objective of the cultivation conditions. Where a plan establishing such cultivation conditions has already been submitted, it shall apply also to the registrations of subsequent varieties with similar characteristics.

To be pursued mainly with Council.

Article~47 Requirements for registration in national variety registers

Original text	* Euroseeds	Comments & explanations
	(h) As regards the provisions under points (f) and (g) of this article, the Commission may decide, by means of an implementing act, that the provisions adopted by Member States have to be repealed or amended, if it concludes that is not sufficiently based on the latest scientific and technical knowledge or proportionate to the objective pursued. That implementing act shall be adopted in accordance with the examination procedure referred to in Article 76(2).	To avoid that individual Member States impose non-scientific measures that disrupt the Single Market, the Commission should have the power to propose to repeal or amend the measures when necessary.

See also Dorfmann Amendment 42.

Identical.

Article 47
Requirements for registration in national variety registers

Original text	Proposal/AMs	Comments &
	* Euroseeds	explanations
The Commission is empowered to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 75, supplementing this Regulation with the minimum cultivation conditions to be adopted by the competent authorities pursuant to paragraphs 1(f) and (g), concerning: i. measures in the field, including crop rotation; ii. monitoring measures; iii. the mode of notification of the conditions referred to in point (i) to the Commission and the other Member States; iv. rules for reporting from professional operators to the conditions referred to in point (i); v. the indication of the conditions referred to in point (i); v. the indication of the conditions referred to in point (i) in the national variety registers. Those conditions shall be based on the latest scientific and technical knowledge.	The Commission is empowered to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 75, supplementing this Regulation with the minimum cultivation conditions to be adopted by the competent authorities pursuant to paragraphs 1(f) and (g). Those minimum cultivation conditions shall constitute a guidance document for applicants and national authorities for establishing the cultivation plans and be based on the latest scientific and technical knowledge.	A Commission guidance will facilitate and harmonise the development of appropriate cultivation plans for applicants and Member States.

See also Dorfmann Amendment 43.

To be pursued mainly with Council.

Amendment 17

Article 48 **Distinctness**

Original text	nal text	
1. For the purposes of the official description, referred to in Article 47(1), point (a), a variety shall be deemed to be distinct, if it is clearly distinguishable, by reference to the expression of the characteristics that results from a particular genotype or combination of genotypes, from any other variety whose existence is commonly known on the date of the submission of the application established in accordance with Article 58.	1. For the purposes of the official description, referred to in Article 47(1), point (a), a variety shall be deemed to be distinct, if it is clearly distinguishable, by reference to the expression of the characteristics that results from a particular genotype or combination of genotypes, from any other variety of common knowledge whose existence is commonly known on the date of the submission of the application established in accordance with Article 58.	For the sake of legal consistency, the wording should be the same as in Council Regulation (EC) No 2100/94 of 27 July 1994 on Community plant variety rights

See also Dorfmann Amendment 44.

Identical.

Amendment 18

Article 52 Value for sustainable cultivation and use

Original text	* Euroseeds	Comments & explanations	
(f) characteristics that enhance the sustainability of storage, processing and distribution;	enhance the sustainability across the agrifood value	This would future proof this legislation and allow for inclusion of further characteristics which are scientifically proven to be consistent with the sustainability objectives of this legislation	

See also Dorfmann Amendment 45.

The Euroseeds version is clearer.

Feedback DG SANTE: ok

Amendment 19

Article 52 **Value for sustainable cultivation and use**

Article 52, Value for sustainable cultivation and use, paragraph 1, point h (new) Original text Proposal/AMs Comments & explanations * Euroseeds (h) pre or post-Extends the VSCU harvest waste criteria to an reduction important element which is consistent with the objectives of this legislation and the EU Green **Deal ojectives**

See also Dorfmann Amendment 47.

Identical.

Feedback DG SANTE: ok

Article 52 **Value for sustainable cultivation and use**

Article 52, Value for sustainable cultivation and use, paragraph 3

Original text	xt Proposal/AMs * Euroseeds	
(b) establishing the methodologies for assessing the characteristics listed under paragraph 1, points (a) to (g);	(c) establishing the methodologies for assessing the characteristics listed under paragraph 1, points (a) to (g) (h);	For the sake of consistency with amendments to paragraph 1

See also Dorfmann Amendment 48.

Identical.

Article 62 Additional rules on technical examination

Article 62, Additional rules on technical examination, paragraph 1 a

Original text	Proposal/AMs * Euroseeds	Comments & explanations
(b) qualification, training and activities of staff of the competent authority or of the applicant, for the purposes of the technical examination referred in Article 61	(c) qualification, training and activities of staff of the competent authority, accredited third parties or the applicant, for the purposes of the technical examination referred to in Article 61;	Precision who is covered by this provision.

 $Article~70 \\ \textbf{Procedure and conditions for registration renewal}$

Original text		Proposal/AMs * Euroseeds	Comments & explanations
(a)	the applicant has submitted sufficient evidence that the variety continues to comply with the respective requirements of Article 47(1); and	Delete	Restricts requirement to paragraph 3 b. If proof of maintenance is assured, this is sufficient for the renewal of the registration.

Feedback DG SANTE: no intention to ask for additional DUS / VSCU tests; this would also never be acceptable for Member States. May prefer alternative wording or clarification of limitation of scope to maintenance.

 $Article~70 \\ \textbf{Procedure and conditions for registration renewal}$

Article 70, Procedure and conditions for registration renewal, paragraph 4

Original text Proposal/AMs Comments & explanations * Euroseeds 4. The competent authority 4. The competent authority In order to foster may, on its own initiative, may, on its own initiative, innovations to the renew the registration of a renew the registration of a market, it should variety, if it is still in large variety, if it is still in large not be possible to demand by the professional demand by the professional operators and farmers operators and farmers register varieties concerned, or it should be concerned, or it should be for which a plant retained in the interest of retained in the interest of breeders' right title conserving plant genetic conserving plant genetic exists without the resources. resources, provided that maintainer's the variety is no longer protected by plant a consent. Moreover, breeders' right title in line with current according to Council practices, varieties Regulation (EC)No that have been off 2100/94 of 27 July 1994 on Community plant variety the variety list for rights, and provided that the past two years the variety is off the list for can be introduced a minimum of two years as conservation and the maintenance is varieties provided done by the competent authority. that the maintenance is done by the competent authority

To be pursued with MEPs interested in Intellectual Property Rights.

Article~71 Requirements for registration in national variety registers

Article 71, Requirements for registration in national variety registers, paragraph 1, subparagraph a Original text Proposal/AMs Comments &			
	* Euroseeds	explanations	
The competent authority of the respective Member State shall remove a variety from the national variety register, if: (a) it concludes, on the basis of any new evidence, that the requirements for registration, as set out in Article 47(1) are no longer fulfilled;	The competent authority of the respective Member State shall remove a variety from the national variety register, if: (a) it concludes, on the basis of any new evidence, that the requirements for registration, as set out in Article 47(1) a-e are no longer fulfilled;	Cultivation conditions may need to be adapted; but this should not lead to automatic withdrawal of the entire variety authorisation	

Feedback DG SANTE: ok

Article 82 Repeals

Article 82, Repeals				
Original t	ext	Proposal/ * Eurosee		Comments & explanations
Directives 66/402/EEC, 2002/53/EC, 2002/55/EC, 2002/57/EC, and 2008/ repealed.	66/401/EEC, 68/193/EEC, 2002/54/EC, 2002/56/EC, 2008/72/EC	Directives 66/402/EEC, 2002/53/EC, 2002/55/EC, 2002/57/EC, 2008/72/EC and 2010/60 a	66/401/EEC, 68/193/EEC, 2002/54/EC, 2002/56/EC, 2008/62, nd-2008/90/EC are repealed.	Both Directives are also covered by this Regulation

Article 83
Entry into force and application

Original text		ginal text Proposal/AMs * Euroseeds	
(b)	Article 52 shall apply from [60 months from the date of the entry into force of this Regulation] for the species listed in Parts B and C of Annex I. It shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in all Member States.	apply from [60 months from the date of the entry into force of this Regulation] for the species listed in Parts B and C of Annex I, provided that the respective examination requirements, methodologies and standards for assessing the characteristics listed under paragraph 1, points (a) to (h) exist. It shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in all Member States.	This would ensure that any delays in the development of examination requirements, methodologies and standards for assessing the sustainability of new varieties do not prevent new varieties to come to the market

See also Dorfmann Amendment 52.

Identical.

Annex VI REQUIREMENTS FOR PRODUCTION AND MARKETING OF PRM OF HETEROGENEOUS MATERIAL AS REFERRED TO IN ARTICLE 27(2)

Annex VI, REQUIREMENTS FOR PRODUCTION AND MARKETING OF PRM OF HETEROGENEOUS MATERIAL AS REFERRED TO IN ARTICLE 27(2), Part B.1 (iii)

Original text	Proposal/AMs * Euroseeds	Comments & explanations
any available results from tests concerning the characteristics referred to in point (ii)	any available results from tests concerning the characteristics referred to in point (ii) and including statistical comparison to VSCU results for registered varieties having the most similar characteristics	

Annex VI REQUIREMENTS FOR PRODUCTION AND MARKETING OF PRM OF HETEROGENEOUS MATERIAL AS REFERRED TO IN ARTICLE 27(2)

Annex VI, REQUIREMENTS FOR PRODUCTION AND MARKETING OF PRM OF HETEROGENEOUS MATERIAL AS REFERRED TO IN ARTICLE 27(2), PART H				
Original text	Proposal/AMs * Euroseeds Comments & explanations			
	It is necessary to enable operators placing HM on the market to comply with the provisions of Directive 2006/114/EC regarding comparison with competitor goods	This would clearly communicate the value heterogenous material.		

Amendment 29

Annex VI

REQUIREMENTS FOR PRODUCTION AND MARKETING OF PRM OF HETEROGENEOUS MATERIAL AS REFERRED TO IN ARTICLE 27(2)

Species	Maximum
	net mass (kg)
Fodder plants	10
Beet	10
Cereals	30
Oil and fiber plants	10
Potato	30
Vegetable:	
Legumes	5
Onions, chervil, asparagus,	0,5
spinach beet or chard, red	
beet or beetroot, turnips,	
water melon, gourd,	
marrows, carrots, radishes,	
scorzonera or black salsify,	
spinach, corn-salad or lamb's	
lettuce	
All other vegetable species	0,1

See also Dorfmann Amendment 54.

Identical.

Annex VII CONTENTS OF THE NATIONAL AND UNION VARIETY REGISTERS AS REFERRED TO IN ARTICLE 46

Annex VII, CONTENTS OF THE NATIONAL AND UNION VARIETY REGISTERS AS REFERRED TO IN ARTICLE 46, point k Original text Proposal/AMs Comments & explanations * Euroseeds (k) where applicable, the (k) where applicable, the For the sake of indication that indication that the consistency with variety is an 'organic variety is an 'organic articles 26 and 53 variety suitable for variety suitable for on conservation organic production'; organic production' or "conservation varieties variety"; in line with the current FR and DE national catalogues