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From: General Secretariat of the Council  
To: Delegations  
Subject: Regulation on the labelling of organic pet food  
*- Summary of public feedback received after adoption of the proposal*

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Delegations will find attached, for information, a letter by the European Commission's Director General for Agriculture and Rural Development to the chair of the Special Committee on Agriculture with a summary of the public feedback received after the adoption of the proposal for a Regulation on the labelling of organic pet food.

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EUROPEAN COMMISSION  
DIRECTORATE-GENERAL FOR AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT

The Director-General

Brussels  
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Dear Ms Nordéus,

On 28 November 2022, the Commission adopted a proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the labelling of organic pet food (COM(2022)659 final – 2022/0390 (COD)).

The purpose of this proposal is to establish specific labelling rules for pet food, consistent with Regulation (EU) 2018/848 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 30 May 2018 on organic production and labelling of organic products. The proposed labelling rules for organic pet food mirror the labelling rules applicable to food, including the mandatory requirement of the use of the organic production logo of the European Union on the packaging of prepacked food.

As part of the Commission's Better Regulation framework, legislative proposals and accompanying documents, which are put forward to the European Parliament and to the Council, are opened for public feedback once they have been adopted by the Commission. The purpose of this letter is to inform you on the feedback received for the above- mentioned Commission proposal.

The public consultation on the abovementioned proposal <sup>(1)</sup> was held from 28 November 2022 to 23 January 2023. Ten comments were received. 5 from EU citizens, 3 from business associations and 2 from a public authority from Belgium.

Some of the comments welcomed the proposal while others were opposed to it and considered that all ingredients should be organic.

Several suggestions for amendments were made. Some of them corresponded to already applicable provisions under Regulation (EU) 2018/848, others not. In particular, an Italian business association suggested having the possibility to use organic terms in the sale denomination for pet food using products from hunting and sustainable fishing. A Spanish business association suggested a correction in the Spanish version, namely to use the term “agrario” instead of “agrícola” to translate the English term “agricultural”.

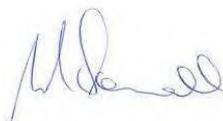
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(1) [https://ec.europa.eu/info/law/better-regulation/have-your-say/initiatives/13657-Labeling-of-organic-pet-food\\_en](https://ec.europa.eu/info/law/better-regulation/have-your-say/initiatives/13657-Labeling-of-organic-pet-food_en)

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The Belgian public authority considered that an amendment of Regulation (EU) 2018/848 would have been more appropriate to avoid conflicting regulations.

Yours sincerely,



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