

**ITALIAN SENATE  
COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE  
14TH STANDING COMMITTEE**

**(European Union Policies)**

pursuant to Senate Rule 144(1)

(Rapporteur: DE ECCHER)

Rome, 23 February 2011

Comments on:

**Proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Council Regulation (EC) No 834/2007 on organic production and labelling of organic products (COM (2010) 759 final)**

The 14th Standing Committee, following consideration of the aforementioned document,

[...]

*expresses*, insofar as its remit is concerned, a positive opinion with the following qualifications:

the legal basis is properly identified [...];

the proposal appears to comply with the subsidiarity principle [...];

the proposal appears to comply with the proportionality principle [...];

*notes* that the Commission – by virtue of Regulation No 834/2007 – already enjoys effective implementation powers with respect to substantive aspects of organic production and organic product labelling. In view of the fact that such approach is reaffirmed and strengthened by the proposal under consideration, the Committee takes issue with the conferral of delegated powers on the Commission for an indeterminate period of time, as envisaged in this, as in many other cases.