



Parlamentul României
Senat

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REASONED OPINION OF THE SENATE OF ROMANIA

on the Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on agricultural product quality schemes

The Senate of Romania has checked the compliance with the subsidiarity and proportionality principles of the **Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on agricultural product quality schemes – COM (2010)733 final**, according to the provisions of the Treaty of Lisbon (protocol no.2).

Taking into account the report of our permanent Committee for agriculture, forestry and rural development, **the Plenum of the Senate**, during its session of the 9th of February 2011, has found that the examined proposal **is compliant with the subsidiarity principle but it is not compliant with the proportionality principle**. Thus, the provision of Article 3 (3) of the draft Regulation, which refers to increase the time period allowing transmission of the “traditional” scheme between generations, from 25 years to 50 years, is excessive because in Romania there are no supporting documents to allow the registration in the register of traditional specialities guaranteed older than 50 years.

The Senate proposes that the time period allowing transmission between generations be of at least 25 years, as provided for in Council Regulation (EC) No 509/2006 of 20 March 2006 on agricultural products and foodstuffs as traditional specialities guaranteed.

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