

# What will the proposed EU Regulation mean for practitioners?

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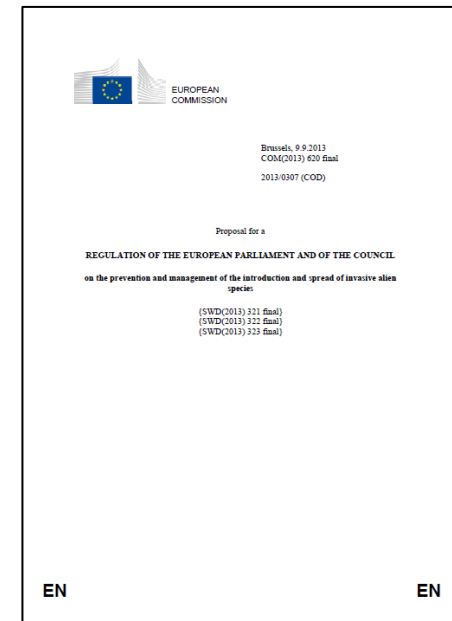


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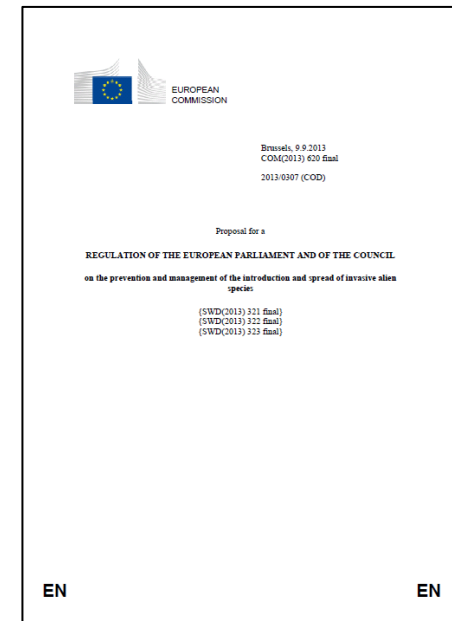
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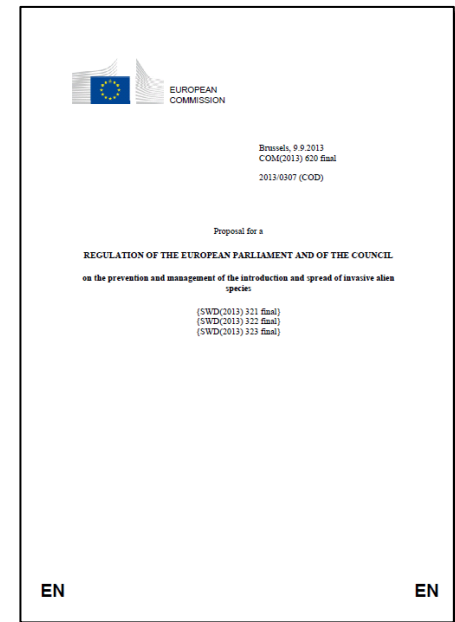
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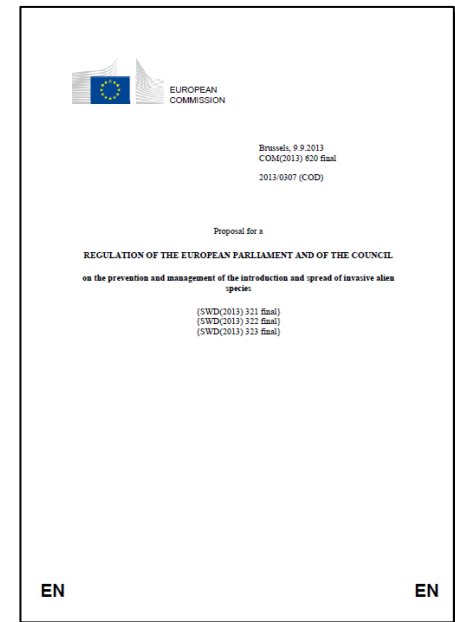
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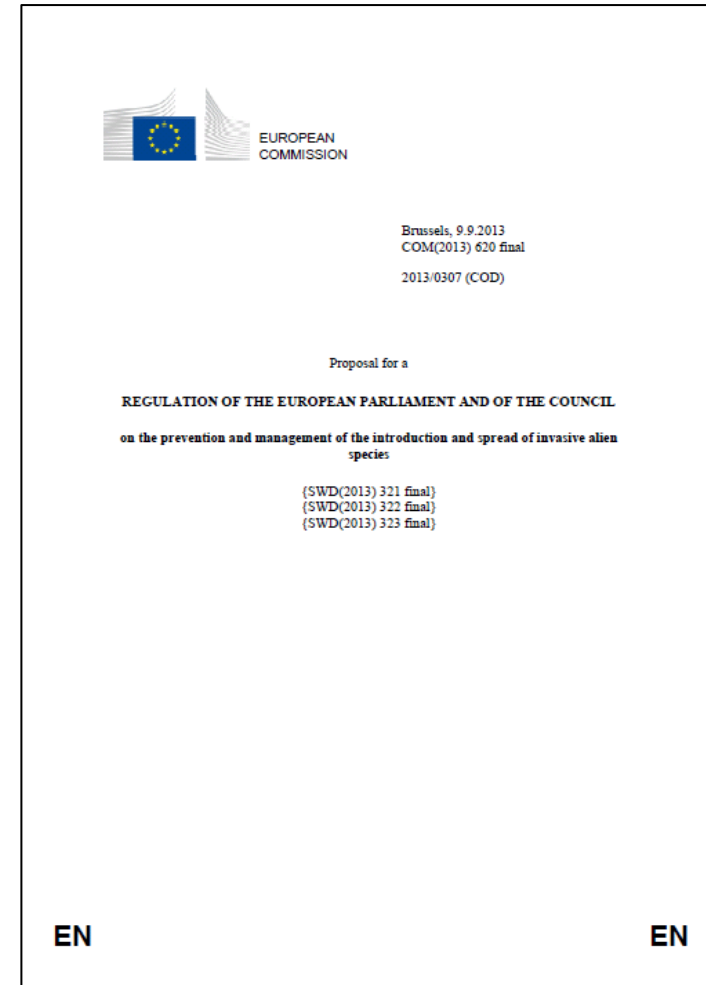


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# EU Regulation

- Background
- Process
- Content
  - List of EU concern
  - List of MS concern
  - Unintentional pathways
  - Information support



# Background

- Key driver of biodiversity loss
- No comprehensive EU instrument
- Rapidly growing
- Cost of inaction / delayed action





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Convention on Biological Diversity (1992)



Bern Convention European  
Strategy on Invasive Alien Species(2003)



Technical Reports for Commission (2010-11)



Proposed EU Regulation (2013)



# Process



- Commission drafts proposal
- 'Co-decision'

European Council



European Parliament



# Content



- IAS of EU concern
  - Regulation
  - Surveillance
  - Early detection and rapid response
  - Management
  - Restoration
- IAS of MS concern
- Pathways

# Content



Intentional introductions



VS



Unintentional introductions

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- Not wanted in the EU!
- i.e. intentionally brought into, transmitted, permitted to reproduce, transported, used, exchanged, kept, grown or released

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# Information support



- To be 'gradually developed' by the Commission
  - Connecting existing national databases
  - Handling notifications
  - Exchanging information

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**Thanks!**