

OPINION 2116 (Case 3279)***Curculio picipes* Marsham, 1802 (currently *Procas picipes*; Insecta, Coleoptera): specific name conserved**

Abstract. The Commission has ruled that the specific name of *Curculio picipes* Marsham, 1802 (currently *Procas picipes*) for a widely distributed Palaearctic weevil (family ERIRHINIDAE) is not invalid by reason of being a junior primary homonym of *Curculio picipes* Fabricius, 1777. The two nominal species have not been considered congeneric since the early 1800s and are currently placed in different families.

Keywords. Nomenclature; taxonomy; Coleoptera; CURCULIONOIDEA; *Procas*; *Procas picipes*; weevils; Palaearctic.

Ruling

- (1) Under the plenary power it is hereby ruled that the name *picipes* Marsham, 1802, as published in the binomen *Curculio picipes*, is not invalid by reason of being a junior primary homonym of *Curculio picipes* Fabricius, 1777.
- (2) The name *Procas* Stephens, 1831 (gender: masculine), type species by subsequent designation by Westwood (1838) *Curculio picipes* Marsham, 1802, is hereby placed on the Official List of Generic Names in Zoology.
- (3) The name *picipes* Marsham, 1802, as published in the binomen *Curculio picipes* (type species of *Procas* Stephens, 1831) and ruled in (1) above to be not invalid by reason of being a junior primary homonym of *Curculio picipes* Fabricius, 1777 is hereby placed on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology.

History of Case 3279

An application to conserve the specific name *Curculio picipes* Marsham, 1802 (currently *Procas picipes*) for a widely distributed Palaearctic weevil (family ERIRHINIDAE) was received from R.T. Thompson (*Department of Entomology, Natural History Museum, London SW7 5BD, U.K.*) on 1 April 2003. After correspondence the case was published in BZN 60: 196–197 (September 2003). The title, abstract and keywords of the case were published on the Commission's website. No comments on this case were received.

Decision of the Commission

On 1 December 2004 the members of the Commission were invited to vote on the proposals published in BZN 60: 197. At the close of the voting period on 1 March 2005 the votes were as follows: 20 Commissioners voted FOR the proposals, 1 Commissioner voted AGAINST, Evenhuis, Kerzhner and Ng were on leave of absence; no vote was received from Böhme. Voting against, Halliday considered that the proposed action was unnecessary since the situation did not cause instability or confusion.

Original references

The following are the original references to the names placed on Official Lists by the ruling given in the present Opinion:

Procas Stephens, 1831, *Illustrations of British entomology . . . Mandibulata*, vol. 4, p. 90.
picipes, *Curculio*, Marsham, 1802, *Entomologia britannica . . .*, vol. 1, Coleoptera, p. 272.

The following is the reference for the designation of *Curculio picipes* Marsham, 1802 as the type species of the nominal genus *Procas* Stephens, 1831:

Westwood, J.O. 1838. *Synopsis of the genera of British insects*, [Appended to] *An introduction to the modern classification of insects*, vol. 2, p. 36.