Common organisation of agricultural markets CMO: specific provisions for certain agricultural products

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The European Parliament adopted by 480 votes to 109, with 27 abstentions, a legislative resolution approving, under the consultation procedure, the proposal for a Council regulation amending Regulation (EC) No 1234/2007 establishing a common organisation of agricultural markets and on specific provisions for certain agricultural products (single CMO Regulation).

The European Parliament supports new legislative measures presented by the Commission on 9 October 2009. These proposals were made following the European Parliament's request for additional measures to be taken to solve the problems in the dairy farming sector, as outlined in its resolution adopted at plenary in September 2009.

MEPs supported the request which aims to allow the Commission to adopt measures to quickly react to market disturbances in a flexible manner (Article 186 of the single CMO Regulation). This possibility, which enables the Commission to react to significant price differences, already exists in other agricultural sectors, such as beef, hops and sugar.

MEPs made two amendments to the proposal:

- in respect of enlarging the scope of Article 186 of Regulation (EC) No 1234/2007, Parliament states that the scope is extended to milk and milk products, where the prices on the Community market for any of those products rise or fall significantly **during the 12-month periods starting on 1 April 2009 and 1 April 2010**;
- the second amendment concerns comitology. Parliament adds to Article 188 of the Single CMO Regulation that the European Parliament shall be informed by the Commission on a regular basis of the proceedings of the committee referred to in Article 195. To that end, it shall receive agendas for committee meetings, and draft measures submitted to the committee, together with the results of voting, summary records of the meeting and lists of the authorities and organisations to which the persons designated by the Member States to represent them belong.

Lastly, the European Parliament shall also be kept informed whenever the Commission transmits to the Council measures or proposals for measures to be taken.