

# **Rice: reform of the common organisation of the market COM**

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Pointing out that the Commission document contained conclusions which severely penalized Community rice producers, the rapporteur proposed, in his amendments, a number of modifications which would ensure that rice production benefitted from the same treatment as other cereals. He also recalled that when the Council approved the first phase of the CAP reform, it undertook to apply the same criteria to all products which were not yet affected by the reform process, in order that there should be no discrimination. The modifications being proposed concerned the reference period, the entry into force of price reductions, administration of the intervention system, quality policy and the penalties to be imposed.