

Common agricultural policy CAP, reform: dried fodder, common organisation of the market CMO, 2004-2005 to 2007-2008

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The committee adopted the report by Dominique SOUCHET (NI, F) amending the proposal under the consultation procedure. It was opposed to the idea of discontinuing the CMO at the end of the 2007/08 marketing year and instead wanted it to be made permanent. It proposed that the total amount of aid should be EUR 68 per tonne with effect from the 2004/2005 marketing year, which would be distributed on a 50-50 basis for processing and production. Other amendments aimed to: - ensure that efforts to reduce fossil fuel consumption are continued, by means of "contracts for progress" to be concluded with dehydration units; - encourage partial sun-drying with a view to making additional fuel savings; - establish a European research fund for the dried fodder sector, to be financed from a levy of EUR 1 per tonne of dehydrated fodder.