Agricultural prices 1998/1999: aid for fibre flax, hemp and flax fibre

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In adopting the report by Mr Edouard des PLACES (I-EDN, F), the European Parliament tabled only a few amendments to the Commission proposals concerning prices for agricultural products (1998- 1999). It calls for the creation of an adjustment coefficient for all CMOs in order to compensate for the possible disappearance of the green rate on 1 January 1999 for the Member States participating in the single currency. Parliament calls for proposals concerning the new flax promotion programme and ensure that new fibre flax varieties can be introduced without delay and can be included in the aid provisions. For hemp it calls for an increase to ECU 728.81/ha, while the Commission proposed that the present level be reduced by 25% (ECU 537.47 instead of ECU 716.63).