

Common organisation of the markets in the sugar sector

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The European Parliament adopted the report by Mr Joseph Daul (EPP/ED, F) by 349 votes in favour of and 125 against, with 29 abstentions, to heavily amend Commission plans to begin reforming the European Community's sugar market regime this year and to propose more radical reforms on the common organisation of the markets in the sugar sector. (Please refer to the previous text). Moreover, amendments were also adopted calling for a transition period before duty-free sugar imports from the world's poorest countries are allowed into the EU and for an assessment of the financial implications of these imports. Lastly, Agriculture Commissioner Fischler told the House that he would now be prepared to accept a rollover of the common market organisation for longer than two year's provided Parliament accepted his other reform proposals.