

Common organisation of the market in fruit and vegetables and in processed fruit and vegetables; aid scheme for producers of certain citrus fruits

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The Parliament adopted the report drafted by Mr Salvador JOVE PERES (EUL/NGL, E) aimed at preventing any further deterioration in the situation of EU fruit and vegetable producers under Commission proposals to tackle urgent problems facing the sector issued ahead of a report of the 1996 reform of the regime due by the end of the year. In its amendments to the Commission proposal (refer to the decisions of the Committee responsible - previous document), Parliament is seeking more support for producer organisations and encouraging greater incentives to pool produce, particularly in regions which achieve the highest production levels. Furthermore, Parliament is demanding a Commission proposal by 30 June 2003 and every three years thereafter on matching Community production thresholds to demand and adjusting national thresholds to actual production. It also wants the Commission to report on the functioning of the new regulation by 30 June 2001, with proposals to change the rules where necessary. Finally, the Commissioner Franz FISCHLER told the House that proposals to increase the budget for that sector were unacceptable.