

Potato starch: quotas for the marketing years 2007-2008 and 2008-2009

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The committee adopted the report by Janusz WOJCIECHOWSKI (UEN, PL) amending - under the consultation procedure - the proposed regulation on a quota system for the production of potato starch:

- production quotas should be allocated for a period of four years rather than two, as proposed by the Commission, and should cover the marketing years 2007/2008, 2008/2009, 2009/2010 and 2010/2011;
- the Commission should report to the Council before 1 January 2011 on the functioning of the quota system. However, if an agreement within the WTO should lead to a reduction in export refunds and a decrease in the import duties for tapioca-starch, the Commission should submit an impact report to Parliament and the Council before that deadline.