Basic information

1994/2086(COS) COS - Procedure on a strategy paper (historic)	Procedure completed
European apiculture. Discussion paper **Subject** 3.10.04 Livestock farming	

Key players

European Parliament

Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
AGRI Agriculture and Rural Development	LULLING Astrid (PPE)	08/09/1994

Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
REGI Regional Policy	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
ENVI Environment, Public Health and Consumer Protection	GONZÁLEZ ÁLVAREZ Laura (GUE)	14/09/1994

Council of the European Union

Key events

Date	Event	Reference	Summary
24/06/1994	Non-legislative basic document published	COM(1994)0256	Summary
14/09/1994	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
19/12/1994	Vote in committee		Summary
19/12/1994	Committee report tabled for plenary	A4-0116/1994	
20/01/1995	Debate in Parliament		Summary
20/01/1995	End of procedure in Parliament		
20/02/1995	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information

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Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	AGRI/3/05644

Documentation gateway

European Parliament

Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
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European Commission

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1994/2086(COS) - 24/06/1994 - Non-legislative basic document

In this discussion paper, which starts by describing the situation of beekeepers in Europe (production, trade, consumption, market access, support measures, difficulties and demands of the industry), the Commission concludes that, with the current state of the sector throughout the European Union and current know-how on beekeeping, there is no need for a new organization of the market specifically for honey. Nor is it possible to invent a global support system such as general income support. However, apart from taking recourse to structural instruments, a set of measures could be proposed to improve the production and marketing of honey in the medium term under a framework Council regulation making provision for: - production conditions to be improved: the purpose of this measure would be to cofinance national programmes through organizations of producers in order to improve the sector by coordinating the fight against varroa mite and associated diseases, rationalizing migratory beekeeping and networking regional beekeeping centres and research institutes in order to improve the quality of honey and the genetics of bees; - studies, to be carried out by the Member States, on the structure of the sector (production and marketing census, price-formation). In addition to this programme, the Commission will design measures to enable the industry to implement a quality policy, mainly by: - defining quality specifications for different honeys based on their botanic or geographical origin; - designing harmonized analyses for checking these specifications.

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1994/2086(COS) - 20/01/1995 - Text adopted by Parliament, single reading

The European Parliament adopted a resolution on the situation of beekeeping in the Community, calling once again for immediate action to support European beekeeping, ideally within the framework of a common organisation of the honey market with the simplest possible administrative arrangements. The European Parliament called on the Commission to go straight ahead and present proposals on: - an action programme to improve honey production, processing and marketing conditions; - a study of the structure of apiculture in the Member States; - steps to implement a quality policy, although it did point out that these measures would be unable to rectify the situation of apiculture in the EU. It also called on the Council to approve the introduction of a Community pollination premium for every beehive, payable to both commercial and part-time beekeepers, on ecological and socio-economic grounds. This premium should at least cover the costs of winter feeding on the basis of pre-established zones at Union level. It also called for financial compensation for income lost as the result of the absence of Community preference. Similarly, it called for imported honey to meet hygiene and quality standards. At the same time, Parliament called on the Commission to submit an action programme to combat bee diseases (varroa mite disease).