Basic information

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Cotton: System of aid introduced by Protocol 4 annexed to the Act of Accession of Greece, fifth adjustment **Subject** 3.10.06.05 Textile plants, cotton	

Key players

European Parliament

Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
AGRI Agriculture and Rural Development	FRAGA ESTÉVEZ Carmen (PPE)	22/03/1995

Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
BUDG Budgets		

Council of the European Union

Council configuration	Meetings	Date
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Key events

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01/02/1995	Additional information		Summary
01/03/1995	Legislative proposal published	COM(1995)0035	Summary
03/04/1995	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
15/05/1995	Vote in committee		Summary
15/05/1995	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A4-0108/1995	
17/05/1995	Debate in Parliament		
29/06/1995	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		
29/06/1995	End of procedure in Parliament		
30/06/1995	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information

Procedure reference	1995/0061(CNS)
Procedure type	CNS - Consultation procedure
Procedure subtype	Legislation
Legislative instrument	Regulation
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Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	AGRI/4/06488

Documentation gateway

European Parliament

Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		A4-0108/1995 OJ C 151 19.06.1995, p. 0014	15/05/1995	
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Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
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Other institutions and bodies

Institution/body	Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
EESC	Economic and Social Committee: opinion, report	CES0593/1995 OJ C 236 11.09.1995, p. 0057	31/05/1995	Summary

Additional information

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Final act

Regulation 1995/1553
OJ L 148 30.06.1995, p. 0045 Summary

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1995/0061(CNS) - 01/03/1995 - Legislative proposal

The proposal for a regulation seeks to ensure an equitable management of the cotton sector, considering the divergent trends in cotton production in Greece and Spain. The measures proposed sought: - to increase the maximum guaranteed quantity: the MGQ is fixed at 947,000 tonnes of unginned cotton (Spain: 249,000 tonnes and Greece: 698,000 tonnes); - to reduce the guide price in proportion to the increase in the MGQ and to remove any limit on the reduction of aid in the event of the MGQ being exceeded; - to remove any carryover of the reduction in aid; - to ensure that when the MGQ is exceeded by up to 10% the reduction in aid would apply equally in all producer Member States and that, where the excess is greater than 10%, the Member States responsible would be liable for an additional reduction; - to dispense with the annual fixing of the target price and the minimum price to be paid to producers, in order to guarantee them the benefit of aid; - to provide for a procedure which would allow the Council to make adjustments to these arrangements.

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1995/0061(CNS) - 29/06/1995 - Final act

Cotton - Prices and related measures for 1995/96. Council Regulation (EC) No 1553/95 amended the system of aid for cotton introduced by Protocol 4 annexed to the Act of Accession of Greece. Substance: - maximum guaranteed quantity fixed at 1 031 000 tonnes (including 782 000 tonnes for Greece and 249 000 tonnes for Spain), although this could be increased to a maximum of 1 120 000 tonnes (850 000 tonnes for Greece, 270 000 tonnes for Spain), as long as this increase did not have any effect on the budget (ECU 770 million) for the marketing year, where the world market price exceeded the reference price (ECU 30.2 per 100 kg); - guide price of ECU 106.32 per 100 kg of unginned cotton; - decrease in aid at national level where the MGQ was exceeded; - possibility of providing operators with an advance of a maximum of 40% of the guide price; - submission of a report by the Commission to the Council, no later than the beginning of the 1999/2000 marketing year, on the operation of the system of aid for cotton.

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1995/0061(CNS) - 31/05/1995 - Economic and Social Committee: opinion, report

The ESC regretted that it had not been invited to deliver an Opinion on the overall modification of the COM in cotton, and that it had had to restrict its Opinion to the proposal concerning the distribution of the maximum guaranteed quantity of cotton between the two producer countries (Greece and Spain). It welcomed the Commission’s proposal to maintain the current system for aid for cotton production, which was a significant part of the agricultural sector in these regions. It felt, however, that the considerable shortfall of cotton in the EU, the probable expansion of cotton production in other EU countries, its socio-economic importance in certain EU regions, its non-food nature and the increased demand for cotton on world markets demanded a higher MGQ of cotton in the EU. Cotton production in the southern EU countries needed to be encouraged and this could be achieved with a system that strengthened current production or at least kept it close to present levels. In the ESC’s view, the total MGQ for each marketing year should be increased to 1 338 500 tonnes of unginned cotton. It considered that the MGQ should be equitably divided between the Member States in the form of national guaranteed quantities based on normal production levels: 987 000 tonnes for Greece; 347 000 tonnes for Spain; 3 000 tonnes for Italy; and 1 500 tonnes for Portugal.

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1995/0061(CNS) - 19/05/1995 - Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading

In adopting the Fraga Estévez report, the European Parliament approved the Commission proposal.