Basic information

1995/0122(SYN) SYN - Cooperation procedure (historic)	Procedure completed
Structural improvements in inland waterway transport (amend. Regulation (EEC) No 1101/89) **Subject** 3.20.04 Inland waterway transport	

Key players

European Parliament

Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
TRAN Transport and Tourism	VAN DER WAAL Leen (EDN)	23/05/1995

Former committee responsible	Former rapporteur	Appointed
TRAN Transport and Tourism	VAN DER WAAL Leen (EDN)	23/05/1995

Former committee for opinion	Former rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
BUDG Budgets	WILLOCKX Frederik A.A. (PSE)	31/10/1995

Council of the European Union

Council configuration	Meetings	Date
Transport, Telecommunications and Energy	1941	1996-06-27
Transport, Telecommunications and Energy	1907	1996-03-11
Transport, Telecommunications and Energy	1893	1995-12-07
Budget	1964	1996-11-19

Key events

Date	Event	Reference	Summary
23/05/1995	Legislative proposal published	COM(1995)0199	Summary
23/10/1995	Committee referral announced in Parliament		

07/12/1995	Resolution/conclusions adopted by Council		Summary
24/01/1996	Vote in committee		
24/01/1996	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A4-0012/1996	
12/02/1996	Debate in Parliament		Summary
22/04/1996	Modified legislative proposal published	COM(1996)0182	Summary
27/06/1996	Council position published	07030/2/1996	Summary
18/07/1996	Committee referral announced in Parliament, 2nd reading		
22/07/1996	Vote in committee, 2nd reading		
22/07/1996	Committee recommendation tabled for plenary, 2nd reading	A4-0252/1996	
16/09/1996	Debate in Parliament		Summary
21/10/1996	Modified legislative proposal published	COM(1996)0516	
19/11/1996	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		Summary
19/11/1996	End of procedure in Parliament		
27/11/1996	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information

Procedure reference	1995/0122(SYN)
Procedure type	SYN - Cooperation procedure (historic)
Procedure subtype	Legislation
Legal basis	EC Treaty (before Amsterdam) E 075
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed

Documentation gateway

European Parliament

Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		A4-0012/1996 OJ C 047 19.02.1996, p. 0005	24/01/1996	
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		T4-0044/1996 OJ C 065 04.03.1996, p. 0020-0030	13/02/1996	Summary
Committee recommendation tabled for plenary, 2nd reading		A4-0252/1996 OJ C 277 23.09.1996, p. 0005	22/07/1996	
Text adopted by Parliament, 2nd reading		T4-0448/1996 OJ C 320 28.10.1996, p. 0019-0027	17/09/1996	Summary

Council of the EU

Document type	Reference	Date	Summary

Council position	07030/2/1996 OJ C 264 11.09.1996, p. 0001	27/06/1996	Summary

European Commission

Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
Legislative proposal	COM(1995)0199	23/05/1995	Summary
Modified legislative proposal	COM(1996)0182	22/04/1996	Summary
Commission communication on Council's position	SEC(1996)1279	15/07/1996	Summary
Modified legislative proposal	COM(1996)0516	21/10/1996	

Other institutions and bodies

Institution/body	Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
EESC	Economic and Social Committee: opinion, report	CES1315/1995 OJ C 039 12.02.1996, p. 0096	23/11/1995	Summary

Additional information

Source	Document	Date
European Commission	EUR-Lex	

Final act

Regulation 1996/2254
OJ L 304 27.11.1996, p. 0001 Summary

Structural improvements in inland waterway transport (amend. Regulation (EEC) No 1101/89)

1995/0122(SYN) - 13/02/1996 - Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading

In adopting the report by Mr Leen van der WAAL (EDN, NL), the European Parliament approved the proposal for a regulation amending Regulation (EEC) No 1101/89 on structural improvements in inland waterway transport. With regard to the scrapping programme, the EP called for the granting of contributions up to and including 1999 and not 1998.

Structural improvements in inland waterway transport (amend. Regulation (EEC) No 1101/89)

1995/0122(SYN) - 23/11/1995

The ESC supported the general approach of the Commission’s proposals, which were aimed not only at reducing overcapacity, but also at improving the infrastructure of inland waterway transport and ensuring liberalisation of the market. This would make for more open market conditions, improved competitiveness - not only between inland waterway transport operators themselves but also between inland waterways and other modes of transport - and improved intermodal transport. This objective was a key feature of the transport policy financed by the EU and applied to the whole of the Community. As carriers were not in a position to finance this policy fully on their own, the ESC approved cofinancing by the EU, providing it remained within the budget set for the period up to 1999. In order to ensure that any imbalances in inland waterway transport after 2000 could be promptly and effectively tackled, the ESC felt that the following rules should remain in force: - further development of the Commission’s intended market observation system; - the formation of a reserve fund for emergency measures, financed by the sector; - the application of the existing scrapping arrangements and old-for-new rules in unforeseen crisis situations; - the possibility of strengthening the position of (small) operators by means of trade groups.

Structural improvements in inland waterway transport (amend. Regulation (EEC) No 1101/89)

1995/0122(SYN) - 15/07/1996

The Commission accepted the Council's position because the target of reducing the capacity of the fleet by approximately 15% over three years had been maintained and the Member States in question would be required to pool sufficient funds to achieve this.

Structural improvements in inland waterway transport (amend. Regulation (EEC) No 1101/89)

1995/0122(SYN) - 23/05/1995 - Legislative proposal

OBJECTIVE: to carry out, as an accompanying measure, further large-scale structural improvement in the inland waterway sector in order to ensure sustainable competitiveness in this sector. In order to achieve this, additional financial resources are needed for a period of three years, both from the Community budget and from the budgets of the Member States affected and the industry. COMMUNITY MEASURE: proposal for a Council regulation amending Regulation (EEC) No 1101/89 on structural improvements in inland waterway transport. CONTENT: temporary and additional intervention by the Community in scrapping schemes in order to reduce substantially the structural over-capacity in cargo, estimated at approximately 15% in both sectors (dry cargo and liquid cargo) and improve inland waterway structures. The scheme will last 3 years (1996-1997-1998); any extension beyond 1998 must be financed solely by the sector in question.

Structural improvements in inland waterway transport (amend. Regulation (EEC) No 1101/89)

1995/0122(SYN) - 17/09/1996 - Text adopted by Parliament, 2nd reading

Parliament adopted the recommendation for second reading by Mr Leen VAN DER WAAL (EDN, NL) on structural improvements in inland waterway transport. In view of tanker fleet overcapacity (at least 20%) Parliament considered that an extra scrapping system should be implemented to remove an extra 10% of capacity from the market in the first year. This action would take the form of interest-free loans provided by the Member States concerned.

Structural improvements in inland waterway transport (amend. Regulation (EEC) No 1101/89)

1995/0122(SYN) - 19/11/1996 - Final act

OBJECTIVE: the carrying out, as an accompanying measure, of a further structural improvement in the inland waterway sector in order to ensure sustainable competitiveness in this sector. COMMUNITY MEASURE: Council Regulation 2254/96/EC amending Regulation 1101/89/EC on structural improvements in inland waterway transport. SUBSTANCE: the regulation makes provision for Community co-financing with the national scrapping funds. The measures lasts for three years (1996-1997-1998) and will be assessed annually. Community funding is limited to 1996. ENTRY INTO FORCE: 27/11/1996

Structural improvements in inland waterway transport (amend. Regulation (EEC) No 1101/89)

1995/0122(SYN) - 19/11/1996

The Council formally adopted the amendment to the Regulation.

Structural improvements in inland waterway transport (amend. Regulation (EEC) No 1101/89)

1995/0122(SYN) - 07/12/1995

‘Following the policy debate it held on the Commission proposals on the organisation of the inland waterway transport market and supporting measures, the Council: 1. took note of the action programme submitted by the Commission in response to the request made in the Council Resolution of 24 October 1994; 2. agreed on the principle of liberalisation of the inland waterway transport market that gradually limits the scope of the rotation system in order to arrive at a system where there is freedom as regards chartering and pricing in inland waterway transport by 1 January 2000; 3. underlined the need for further substantial structural improvements in order to reduce the capacity of the active fleet by around 15%, while noting that the possibilities for funding such a measure are still to be defined; 4. instructed the Permanent Representatives Committee, in collaboration with the Commission and the Member States, to continue discussions on this matter.’

Structural improvements in inland waterway transport (amend. Regulation (EEC) No 1101/89)

1995/0122(SYN) - 11/03/1996

The Council reached political agreement by a qualified majority, with the United Kingdom voting against the structural improvements Regulation, on its common position. The Council confined Community funding under the proposal to 1996.

Structural improvements in inland waterway transport (amend. Regulation (EEC) No 1101/89)

1995/0122(SYN) - 27/06/1996

The Council adopted the common position by qualified majority, with the United Kingdom voting against the ‘restructuring’ regulation. The text was to be referred to Parliament for a second reading as part of the cooperation procedure.

Structural improvements in inland waterway transport (amend. Regulation (EEC) No 1101/89)

1995/0122(SYN) - 22/04/1996 - Modified legislative proposal

The Commission's amended proposal takes over the EP amendments providing for the possibility of a scrapping operation after 1995 for an additional period of four years until 1999 inclusive and seeking to create a legal basis for a contribution from the Community budget to the restructuring operation for a further year for one more year than was the case in the Commission proposal. The Commission also accepts that the Regulation should enter into force on the actual day of its publication.

Structural improvements in inland waterway transport (amend. Regulation (EEC) No 1101/89)

1995/0122(SYN) - 27/06/1996 - Council position

The Council's common position departs from the original Commission proposal in one important respect in that it confines Community financial contributions for structural improvements to 1996. The amendments providing for the possibility of a scrapping operation for an additional period of four years until 1999 inclusive were therefore rejected. The Council did, however, accept the amendment concerning entry into force on the date of publication, so as to ensure that the Regulation would become operational more quickly.