Basic information

1995/0123(SYN) SYN - Cooperation procedure (historic)	Procedure completed
Granting of aids for transport by air, road and inland waterway (amend. Regulation (EEC) No 1107/70) **Subject** 2.60.03 State aids and interventions 3.20 Transport policy in general 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
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		

24/01/1996	Vote in committee		Summary
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	07732/2/1996	Summary
18/07/1996	Committee referral announced in Parliament, 2nd reading		
22/07/1996	Vote in committee, 2nd reading		Summary
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	1995/0123(SYN)
Procedure type	SYN - Cooperation procedure (historic)
Procedure subtype	Legislation
Legal basis	EC Treaty (before Amsterdam) E 075
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	TRAN/4/07997

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		T4-0045/1996 OJ C 065 04.03.1996, p. 0020-0032	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		T4-0450/1996 OJ C 320 28.10.1996, p. 0019-0029	17/09/1996	Summary

Council of the EU

Document type	Reference	Date	Summary

Council position	07732/2/1996 OJ C 264 11.09.1996, p. 0005	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 1996/2255
OJ L 304 27.11.1996, p. 0003 Summary

Granting of aids for transport by air, road and inland waterway (amend. Regulation (EEC) No 1107/70)

1995/0123(SYN) - 17/09/1996 - Text adopted by Parliament, 2nd reading

In adopting the recommendation for second reading by Mr Leen VAN DER WAAL (EDN, NL) on the granting of aids for transport by rail, road and inland waterway, Parliament approved the common position without amendment.

Granting of aids for transport by air, road and inland waterway (amend. Regulation (EEC) No 1107/70)

1995/0123(SYN) - 23/05/1995 - Legislative proposal

OBJECTIVE: to promote investment in infrastructure and/or equipment for inland waterway terminals which will develop new or additional tonnage on the inland waterways. COMMUNITY MEASURE: proposal for a Council regulation amending Regulation (EEC) No 1107/70 on the granting of aids for transport by rail, road and inland waterway. CONTENT: continuation until 31 December 1999 of the possibility for national aid for investments in infrastructure and/or equipment needed in inland waterway terminals, to be based on the current aid system for combined transport, in order to promote inland waterways. The aid granted must not exceed 50% of the actual cost of the investment. The Council will rule on the scheme to be applied at a later date by 31 July 1999 at the Commission's proposal.

Granting of aids for transport by air, road and inland waterway (amend. Regulation (EEC) No 1107/70)

1995/0123(SYN) - 22/04/1996 - Modified legislative proposal

The Commission's amended proposal incorporates the EP amendments seeking to: - ensure that all or part of the aid may be recovered by the competent authority in the event of the beneficiaries failing to honour the undertaking to provide new or additional transport tonnage on the inland waterway; - ensure that the Council takes a decision on subsequent arrangements no later than 31 December 1999, on a proposal from the Commission.

Granting of aids for transport by air, road and inland waterway (amend. Regulation (EEC) No 1107/70)

1995/0123(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.

Granting of aids for transport by air, road and inland waterway (amend. Regulation (EEC) No 1107/70)

1995/0123(SYN) - 27/06/1996 - Council position

In its common position the Council thought it better to keep to the date 31 July 1999 rather than opting for 31 December 1999 (as proposed by the EP), the end date for the aid scheme, so as to allow sufficient time for implementation of the decisions to be taken at that time. Furthermore, the common position no longer explicitly requires an undertaking by aid beneficiaries to provide new or additional tonnage on the waterway, failing which aid must be repaid. The Council did, however, decide to make the granting of aid subject to two conditions: that the investment must actually be made and that the detailed arrangements laid down by the Member State must be complied with.

Granting of aids for transport by air, road and inland waterway (amend. Regulation (EEC) No 1107/70)

1995/0123(SYN) - 15/07/1996 - Commission communication on Council's position

The Commission accepted the common position in that the idea of a responsible investment policy had been maintained.

Granting of aids for transport by air, road and inland waterway (amend. Regulation (EEC) No 1107/70)

1995/0123(SYN) - 19/11/1996 - Final act

OBJECTIVE: the promotion of investment in infrastructure and/or equipment for inland waterway terminals which will develop new or additional tonnage on the inland waterways. COMMUNITY MEASURE: Council Regulation 2255/96/EC amending Regulation 1107/70/EEC on the granting of aids for transport by rail, road and inland waterway. SUBSTANCE: the regulation provides for the continuation until 31 December 1999 of the possibility for national aid for investments in infrastructure and/or equipment needed in inland waterway terminals. The aid granted may not exceed 50% of the total amount of investment. No later than 31 July 1999 the Council will decide, on a proposal from the Commission, on subsequent arrangements. ENTRY INTO FORCE: 27/11/1996

Granting of aids for transport by air, road and inland waterway (amend. Regulation (EEC) No 1107/70)

1995/0123(SYN) - 23/11/1995 - Economic and Social Committee: opinion, report

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.

Granting of aids for transport by air, road and inland waterway (amend. Regulation (EEC) No 1107/70)

1995/0123(SYN) - 13/02/1996 - Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading

The European Parliament adopted the report by Mr Leen van der WAAL (EDN, NL). The granting of aids for transport by rail, road and inland waterway would make it possible for Member States to subsidize investment in terminals. The EP asked that it also be possible to subsidize investment not only in fixed and mobile equipment, but also in telematics and other communications equipment. No later than 31 December 1999 the Council should decide, on a proposal from the Commission, on subsequent arrangements.

Granting of aids for transport by air, road and inland waterway (amend. Regulation (EEC) No 1107/70)

1995/0123(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.

Granting of aids for transport by air, road and inland waterway (amend. Regulation (EEC) No 1107/70)

1995/0123(SYN) - 19/11/1996

The Council formally adopted the amendment to the Regulation.