Basic information

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Support system for producers of certain arable crops (amend. Regul. 1765/92/EEC) **Subject** 3.10.14 Support for producers and premiums	

Key players

European Parliament

Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
AGRI Agriculture and Rural Development	GILLIS Alan Leslie (PPE)	24/05/1995

Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
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Council of the European Union

Council configuration	Meetings	Date
Agriculture and Fisheries	1876	1995-10-25
Agriculture and Fisheries	1889	1995-11-29
Agriculture and Fisheries	1869	1995-09-26
Agriculture and Fisheries	1896	1995-12-19

Key events

Date	Event	Reference	Summary
26/07/1995	Legislative proposal published	COM(1995)0401	Summary
18/09/1995	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
26/09/1995	Debate in Council		
17/10/1995	Vote in committee		
17/10/1995	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A4-0246/1995	
25/10/1995	Debate in Council		Summary
26/10/1995	Debate in Parliament		
19/12/1995	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		Summary

19/12/1995	End of procedure in Parliament		
23/12/1995	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information

Procedure reference	1995/0212(CNS)
Procedure type	CNS - Consultation procedure
Procedure subtype	Legislation
Legislative instrument	Regulation
Legal basis	EC Treaty (before Amsterdam) E 043 EC Treaty (before Amsterdam) E 042
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	AGRI/4/06964

Documentation gateway

European Parliament

Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		A4-0246/1995 OJ C 308 20.11.1995, p. 0004	17/10/1995	
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		T4-0529/1995 OJ C 308 20.11.1995, p. 0467-0478	27/10/1995	Summary

European Commission

Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
Document attached to the procedure	COM(1995)0122	04/04/1995	Summary
Legislative proposal	COM(1995)0401	26/07/1995	Summary

Additional information

Source	Document	Date
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Final act

Regulation 1995/2989
OJ L 312 23.12.1995, p. 0005 Summary

Support system for producers of certain arable crops (amend. Regul. 1765 /92/EEC)

1995/0212(CNS) - 19/12/1995

Following the political agreement reached at its meeting in November, the Council adopted - unanimously, with the United Kingdom delegation abstaining - the Regulation amending Regulation (EEC) No 1765/92 establishing a support system for producers of certain arable crops.

Support system for producers of certain arable crops (amend. Regul. 1765 /92/EEC)

1995/0212(CNS) - 19/12/1995 - Final act

-OBJECTIVE: adjusting extraordinary set-aside (new method of calculation) and granting an aid for the production of durum wheat in Austria up to a maximum of 5000 ha. -COMMUNITY MEASURE : Council Regulation (EC) No 2989/95 amending Regulation (EC) No 1765/92 establishing a support system for producers of certain arable crops. -SUBSTANCE: .The area set aside under voluntary set-aside to be deducted for the purposes of calculating extraordinary set-aside shall be fixed at 85%. This provision could be applied in 1996 provided the Member States communicate to the Commission detailed information on the areas voluntarily set aside in light of the 1995 harvest. In other cases, the new method of calculating extraordinary set-aside will be applicable from the 1996/1997 marketing year. The Member States must take the necessary measures to ensure that aid application forms distinguish between voluntary set-aside and compulsory set-aside. The Commission may grant exemptions from extraordinary set-aside in the event that the regional base area has been exceeded as a result of exceptional climatic conditions which have had the effect of lowering average yields to a level considerably below the normal. In view of the exceptional market situation, the extraordinary set-aside below 1% will not be applied in 1996. The penalties provided in this case will not be applied. .The production of durum wheat in certain regions of Austria where it is well-established and represents an important part of the cereal economy is authorized up to a maximum of 5000 ha (on payment of a supplement). -ENTRY INTO FORCE: 26 December 1995.

Support system for producers of certain arable crops (amend. Regul. 1765 /92/EEC)

1995/0212(CNS) - 25/10/1995

The Council agreed to resume consideration of the proposal upon receipt of the European Parliament’s opinion. The Council also received a request from several Member States to include in the proposal - without delaying adoption of the Regulation - the approach adopted when setting the set-aside rates for the 1996/1997 marketing year. That approach concerns: - regional application of penalties if the national area is exceeded; - taking account of exceptional climatic conditions in calculating yields. The Council took note of the information given by the Commission representative concerning the progress of Commission work on those two aspects, which indicated that it would not be possible to include those new aspects in the proposal currently being examined by the Council.

Support system for producers of certain arable crops (amend. Regul. 1765 /92/EEC)

1995/0212(CNS) - 04/04/1995 - Document attached to the procedure

The Commission report - after being based on the three first marketing years since the 1992 CAP reform required farmers to withdraw 15% of their arable land from production - recommends maintaining for a certain period the compulsory and extraordinary set-aside as a precaution against excessive production of cereals. However, in order to prevent or alleviate the secondary and undesirable effects of this system certain modifications could be envisaged. The report proposes in particular deducting a certain proportion of voluntary set-aside from the calculation of the overshoot for the region concerned. The idea is to reduce any overshoot by applying to areas of voluntary set-aside a corrective coefficient of 75% to take into account the likely lower productivity of this land. This modification would reduce the frequency and severity of the sanction where an overshoot is associated with voluntary set-aside which could otherwise be perceived as unjustified. Another option considered could be to introduce a maximum rate of extraordinary set-aside. This modification would reduce the problem of shifts between the general and the simplified schemes and between base areas. The risks of incorporation of new land into the COP areas to avoid the sanction would also be reduced. Ideally this rate should be the maximum rate that does not encourage producers to switch from one scheme, base area or product to another. On the basis of the results of consultations on this report the Commission will make appropriate proposals to be implemented for the plantings in autumn 1995 and spring 1996.

Support system for producers of certain arable crops (amend. Regul. 1765 /92/EEC)

1995/0212(CNS) - 29/11/1995

On the basis of a Presidency compromise, which also took account of the opinion that the European Parliament delivered in October, the Council reached political agreement on the Regulation: - adapting the system of special set--aside, - granting aid for the production of durum wheat in Austria up to 5 000 ha. The Regulation will be formally adopted at a forthcoming meeting once the text has been finalised. The United Kingdom delegation stated its intention of abstaining when the Regulation was adopted.

Support system for producers of certain arable crops (amend. Regul. 1765 /92/EEC)

1995/0212(CNS) - 27/10/1995 - Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading

In adopting the report by Mr Alan GILLIS (PPE, IRL), the European Parliament approved the proposal on extraordinary set-aside with the following amendments: - it felt that the set-aside scheme should be simplified in order to make it fairer and more transparent and that, as a result, the introduction of a specific rate for extraordinary set-aside should be revised with a view to making it more flexible; - in order to ensure greater equilibrium within the market, Parliament called for the establishment of a new support system to bring Community prices for certain arable crops into line with prices on the world market and to compensate the loss of income by means of a compensatory payment to producers. In this way, the only areas eligible for extraordinary set-aside should be those that had been sown or that had benefited from a system of state aid for fallow land. The idea behind this was that the Member States could choose to apply this measure in light of specific circumstances. Thus: - when land was used to justify a request for aid under the CAP (Regulation (EEC) No 805/68) rather than aid for extraordinary set-aside, this land would not be taken into consideration in the calculation of the rate of extraordinary set-aside; - the percentage of extraordinary set-aside should be revised when base areas had been exceeded due to exceptional climatic conditions; - this percentage should be calculated in such a way so as to equal the percentage exceeding the total regional (or specific) base areas by deducting 100% (rather then 75%, as proposed by the Commission) of the land set aside under voluntary set-aside; - the Member States could depart from the principle of extraordinary set-aside to take account of specific situations (particularly for land involved in a restructuring programme or for certain land that was to be rotated, or in the case of leased land). In these situations, the Member States would take measures to avoid any unnecessary increase in the total agricultural land involved. Parliament also added a specific derogation for maize to be implemented from the 1995/96 marketing year rather than the 1996/97 marketing year.

Support system for producers of certain arable crops (amend. Regul. 1765 /92/EEC)

1995/0212(CNS) - 26/07/1995 - Legislative proposal

OBJECTIVE: amending the method of calculating the rate of extraordinary set-aside for arable crops to ensure that voluntary set-aside is no longer taken into consideration. SUBSTANCE: the extraordinary set-aside scheme (additional set-aside on top of the compulsory set-aside of a predetermined percentage of land applied without compensation to producers in a region where a regional base area has been exceeded) was introduced to contain the growth in the area of land used to grow cereals, oleaginous plants and protein crops in a given region and the resulting increase in cereal production (Regulation (EEC) No 1765/92). The voluntary set-aside was introduced in the 1994/95 marketing year as an additional method of controlling production. Nevertheless, the introduction of such a system involves certain risks, the main one being that producers are tempted to include land that should not normally be cultivated among their voluntary set-aside. Since this type of set-aside is not as effective in reducing production as compulsory set-aside, the Commission proposes that the method of calculating the rate of extraordinary set-aside exclude voluntary set-aside. This amendment in the method of calculation is to be applied where the 1995/96 cultivated base area is exceeded (in other words for the harvest that will be sold during the 1996/97 marketing year). At the same time, the Commission proposes granting Austria a special aid of ECU 138.86/ha for the production of durum wheat in regions where this crop is not traditionally grown, up to a maximum of 5 000 ha.