Basic information

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Agenda 2000: arable crops, support system for producers Amended by 1999/0236(CNS) Amended by 2001/0043(CNS) Amended by 2003/0006(CNS) **Subject** 3.10.14 Support for producers and premiums 8.20.12 Enlargement's agricultural point of view	

Key players

European Parliament

Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
AGRI Agriculture and Rural Development	FANTUZZI Giulio (PSE)	29/09/1997

Former committee for opinion	Former rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
BUDG Budgets	MIRANDA Joaquim (GUE/NGL)	03/06/1998
ENER Research, Technological Development and Energy	MATIKAINEN-KALLSTRÖM Marjo (PPE)	23/06/1998
CONT Budgetary Control	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	22/04/1998

Council of the European Union

Council configuration	Meetings	Date
Agriculture and Fisheries	2178	1999-05-17

Key events

Date	Event	Reference	Summary
18/03/1998	Legislative proposal published	COM(1998)0158	Summary
15/06/1998	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
15/06/1998	Report referred back to committee		

08/12/1998	Vote in committee		
08/12/1998	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A4-0496/1998	
13/01/1999	Debate in Parliament		
20/04/1999	Vote in committee		
20/04/1999	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A4-0215/1999	
05/05/1999	Debate in Parliament		
17/05/1999	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		
17/05/1999	End of procedure in Parliament		
26/06/1999	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information

Procedure reference	1998/0108(CNS)
Procedure type	CNS - Consultation procedure
Procedure subtype	Legislation
Legislative instrument	Regulation
Amendments and repeals	Amended by 1999/0236(CNS) Amended by 2001/0043(CNS) Amended by 2003/0006(CNS)
Legal basis	EC Treaty (after Amsterdam) EC 037 EC Treaty (after Amsterdam) EC 036
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		A4-0496/1998 OJ C 104 14.04.1999, p. 0004	08/12/1998	
Text adopted by Parliament, partial vote at 1st reading /single reading		T4-0050/1999 OJ C 128 07.05.1999, p. 0011-0062	28/01/1999	Summary
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		A4-0215/1999 OJ C 279 01.10.1999, p. 0006	20/04/1999	
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		T4-0447/1999 OJ C 279 01.10.1999, p. 0256-0384	06/05/1999	Summary

European Commission

Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
Legislative proposal	COM(1998)0158	18/03/1998	Summary

Document attached to the procedure	COM(1998)0182	18/03/1998	

Other institutions and bodies

Institution/body	Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
EESC	Economic and Social Committee: opinion, report	CES0971/1998 OJ C 284 14.09.1998, p. 0062	01/07/1998	
CofR	Committee of the Regions: opinion	CDR0273/1998 OJ C 093 06.04.1999, p. 0001	14/01/1999	
EU	Implementing legislative act	31999R2316 OJ L 280 30.10.1999, p. 0043-0065	22/10/1999	

Additional information

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European Commission	EUR-Lex	

Final act

Regulation 1999/1251
OJ L 160 26.06.1999, p. 0001 Summary

Agenda 2000: arable crops, support system for producers

1998/0108(CNS) - 17/05/1999 - Final act

PURPOSE: to strengthen the support system for producers of certain arable crops introduced by the 1992 CAP reform in order to improve the competitiveness of European agriculture by bringing European prices closer to world prices. COMMUNITY MEASURE: Council Regulation 1251/99/EC establishing a support system for producers of certain arable crops. CONTENT: The Council's Directive falls within the scope of the CAP reform and reflects the Agenda 2000 guidelines with respect to the arable crops sector (protein crops, cereals, grass silage and set-aside, linseed and oilseeds). The main characteristics of the regime are as follows: - granting of area payments; - for cereals, oilseeds and protein crops, the intervention prices are reduced by 15% in two equal tranches of 7.5% from the 2000-2001 marketing year onwards, falling from the current 119.19 euros per tonne to 101.31 euros per tonne; - the system of monthly increases, which introduces seasonal corrections, is maintained; - the direct payments change, in two annual installments, from 53 to 63 euros per tonne. In the case of oilseeds, the direct payments per hectare are brought in line, in three annual stages, with the level of payments for cereals, and the reference price system for oilseeds will be abolished in 2000; - protein crops will benefit from a premium added to the basic direct payment, taking the total aid to 72.5 euros from the 2000-2001 marketing year; - the compulsory set-aside is maintained until the 2006-2007 marketing year with a basic rate of 10% from the 2000-2001 marketing year; - the voluntary set-aside is maintained, but the system will be improved, in particular bearing in mind environmental considerations; - the compensation granted for land set-aside is set at 63 euros/tonne from the 2000-2001 marketing year; - the minimum price for potatoes used to produce starch is set at 1778.31 euros/tonne from the 2001-2002 marketing year onwards, while the payment to producers will be 110.54 euros/tonne, the national quotas being adapted as a result; - the Member States in which maize is not traditionally produced have the possibility to make grass silage eligible for area payments and to define the specific sub-base areas of grass silage to which the basic reference yield for arable crops is applied. ENTRY INTO FORCE: 27/06/1999. The Regulation applies from the beginning of the 2000-2001 marketing year.

Agenda 2000: arable crops, support system for producers

1998/0108(CNS) - 18/03/1998 - Legislative proposal

OBJECTIVE: the proposed regulation forms part of the group of proposals on the reform of the common agricultural policy and translates the guidelines of Agenda 2000 in the arable crops sector. SUBSTANCE: the proposals for a regulation on arable crops and the modification of the cereals

COM transpose the orientations contained in Agenda 2000 for cereals, oilseeds and protein crops. The main elements are as follows: -the intervention price for cereals will be reduced by 20% in a single step; - the provisions for maize and sorghum and export refunds (in particular for malt) will be adapted. The minimum price for starch potatoes will be reduced by 20% and compensation payments to starch potato producers will be increased in line with the increase of area payments for arable crops. Furthermore, the notion of quality type will become obsolete. The instrument of export levies would be retained, but under normal circumstances would not be required; - the regulation on arable crops increases the direct payment for cereals from ECU 54 per tonne to ECU 66 per tonne and puts direct payments for oilseeds and non-textile linseed at the same level; - protein crops will receive an additional direct payment of ECU 6.5 per tonne. Compared to the current situation this will mean a reduction in the direct payment from ECU 78.49 per tonne to ECU 72.5 per tonne. The specific scheme for durum wheat will be continued; - compulsory set-aside will be retained as an instrument, while its normal rate will be fixed at zero under certain conditions. Voluntary set-aside will still be allowed, but its effectiveness and positive impact on the environment should be further improved. It should be available for at least 10% of the arable area across the Community; - the payment per hectare and the rate of set-aside may be modified according to market developments; - the proposal for a regulation on arable crops provides for continuation of aid for silage cereals, which will result in important cost savings compared to Agenda 2000. Although the essential elements of the existing regime (in particular the base areas, the regionalisation scheme, the link to historic yields and the set-aside provisions) are retained, a major simplification is envisaged: - the application of individual base areas will no longer be possible; if base areas are exceeded, financial sanctions will still apply, while extraordinary set-aside is abolished; - under the regionalisation scheme, the possibility of determining specific base areas for maize will no longer apply. A specific yield may, however, be fixed for irrigated crops; - all provisions concerning the use of set-aside for environmental or forestry purposes will become obsolete. In the light of experience gained since 1992, other technical changes are proposed: - postponement of the sowing date from 15 May to 31 May; - postponement of the payment period from autumn to spring (from 1 January to 31 March); - reduction of the number of management committees to a single committee competent for all arable crops covered by this Regulation. Lastly, it should be noted that provisions on trade with third countries have not been altered.

Agenda 2000: arable crops, support system for producers

1998/0108(CNS) - 06/05/1999 - Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading

In the light of the agreement reached on Agenda 2000 at the Berlin Summit in March, the European Parliament adopted the second report by Giulio Fantuzzi (PSE,IT), which approves the Commission proposal for a Council regulation establishing the support system for producers of certain arable crops, subject to the amendments adopted by the Parliament on 28/01/99 and two other new amendments, providing that the area payments shall be reduced to the basic level of payments per hectare of cereals in four (rather then three) consecutive phases, as follows: - for oilseeds: EURO 86.43 per tonne for the 2000 harvest, EURO 78.62 per tonne for the 2001 harvest, EURO 70.81 per tonne for the 2002 harvest and EURO 63.00 per tonne from the 2003 harvest onwards; - for linseeds: EURO 94.57 per tonne for the 2000 harvest, EURO 84.04 per tonne for the 2001 harvest, EURO 73.52 per tonne for the 2002 harvest and EURO 63.00 per tonne from 2003 onwards.

Agenda 2000: arable crops, support system for producers

1998/0108(CNS) - 28/01/1999 - Text adopted by Parliament, partial vote at 1st reading/single reading

The proposal was approved with a number of amendments and the matter was then referred back to committee pursuant to Rule 60 (2). The Parliament's Rapporteur was Mr. Giulio FANTUZZI (I, PSE). The amendments covered the following aspects : - the cultivation of maize in irrigated areas produces higher yields than in the case of other cereals cultivated in the same areas and therefore justifies differentiated treatment; - a separate base area for maize may also be established; - to ensure that the area payment is not linked to production, it should be calculated by multiplying a basic amount per ton by the cereals yield, to be calculted one-third on the basis of the average historic yield for the Community and two-thirds on the basis of the average historic yield determined for the region concerned; - crop specific payments for oil seeds and linseed should be maintained and adjusted in line with WTO and market trends; - set aside requirement should be fixed at 10%; - set aside obligations should be equivalent to the area payments allocated to cereals; - compensation should also be granted when these areas are used for the growing of crops intended primarily for the non-food sector; - in view of the specific characteristics of the oilseed and linseed sector, the current rules should be retained; - given the substantial shortfall in the EU, it is advisable to maintain the differentiation in aid between oilseeds and cereals.