

Basic information	
<p>1998/0113(CNS)</p> <p>CNS - Consultation procedure Regulation</p>	Procedure completed
<p>Agenda 2000: direct support schemes to farmers under the common agricultural policy</p> <p>Amended by 2000/0335(CNS)</p> <p>Subject</p> <p>3.10.14 Support for producers and premiums 8.20.12 Enlargement's agricultural point of view</p>	

Key players				
European Parliament	Committee responsible		Rapporteur	Appointed
	AGRI Agriculture and Rural Development		GRAEFE ZU BARINGDORF Friedrich-Wilhelm (V)	26/11/1997
	Former committee responsible		Former rapporteur	Appointed
	AGRI Agriculture and Rural Development		GRAEFE ZU BARINGDORF Friedrich-Wilhelm (V)	26/11/1997
	Former committee for opinion		Former rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
	BUDG Budgets		MIRANDA Joaquim (GUE /NGL)	03/06/1998
	REGI Regional Policy		CRAMPTON Peter Duncan (PSE)	25/06/1998
	ENVI Environment, Public Health and Consumer Protection		MYLLER Riitta (PSE)	24/06/1998
	CONT Budgetary Control		GARRIGA POLLEDO Salvador (PPE)	22/04/1998
	Council of the European Union	Council configuration		Meetings
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		
07/12/1998	Vote in committee		Summary
07/12/1998	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A4-0480/1998	
13/01/1999	Debate in Parliament		
28/01/1999	Report referred back to committee		
20/04/1999	Vote in committee		Summary
20/04/1999	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A4-0231/1999	
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	1998/0113(CNS)
Procedure type	CNS - Consultation procedure
Procedure subtype	Legislation
Legislative instrument	Regulation
Amendments and repeals	Amended by 2000/0335(CNS)
Legal basis	EC Treaty (after Amsterdam) EC 037
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	AGRI/4/10136 AGRI/4/10755

Documentation gateway

European Parliament				
Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		A4-0480/1998 OJ C 104 14.04.1999, p. 0004	07/12/1998	
Text adopted by Parliament, partial vote at 1st reading /single reading		T4-0045/1999 OJ C 128 07.05.1999, p. 0011-0026	28/01/1999	Summary
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		A4-0231/1999 OJ C 279 01.10.1999, p. 0007	20/04/1999	
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Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		OJ C 279 01.10.1999, p. 0256-0377	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	CES1153/1998 OJ C 407 28.12.1998, p. 0208	09/09/1998	
CofR	Committee of the Regions: opinion	CDR0273/1998 OJ C 093 06.04.1999, p. 0001	14/01/1999	

Additional information		
Source	Document	Date
European Commission	EUR-Lex	

Final act
Regulation 1999/1259 OJ L 160 26.06.1999, p. 0113 Summary

Agenda 2000: direct support schemes to farmers under the common agricultural policy

1998/0113(CNS) - 17/05/1999 - Final act

PURPOSE: the Regulation seeks to lay down common rules for direct support schemes under the common agricultural policy (CAP) and incorporates the Agenda 2000 guidelines. **COMMUNITY MEASURE:** Council Regulation 1259/99/EC establishing common rules for direct support schemes under the common agricultural policy. **CONTENT:** This horizontal Regulation applies to the various market organisations that provide for support to be granted to farmers in the form of direct payments (arable crops, potato starch, cereals, olive oil, grain legumes, flax, hemp, silk worms, bananas, dried grapes, tobacco, seeds, hops, rice, beef and veal, milk and milk products, sheepmeat and goatmeat, the agrimonetary arrangements, Poseidon, Poseima, Poseican and the Aegean Islands). Under the Regulation, Member States, when granting direct aid, can take account of environmental issues by making the grant subject to: - agri-environmental undertakings; - general mandatory environmental requirements; - specific environmental requirements constituting a condition for direct payments. Member States will need to decide on the consequences in the case of environmental requirements not being observed. They are able to introduce measures whereby they can reduce or even cancel benefits accruing from support schemes where environmental requirements are not respected. These measures should be taken by Member States notwithstanding the possibility of granting aid in return for optional environmental commitments. Member States are also authorised to reduce direct payments to farmers in cases where the labour force used on their holding falls short of limits to be determined and/or where the overall prosperity of holdings and/or the total amounts of payments rise above limits to be decided by the Member States. However, in order to maintain agricultural productivity, in particular, such reductions should not exceed 20% of the total amount of the payments. The funds that become available to Member States because farmers fail to comply with the environmental requirements and employment limits may be used as additional Community support for rural development (early retirement, less-

favoured areas and areas subject to environmental constraints, agri-environmental measures, reforestation). ENTRY INTO FORCE: 26/06/1999. The Regulation is applicable from 01/01/2000.

Agenda 2000: direct support schemes to farmers under the common agricultural policy

1998/0113(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) after the draft resolution was rejected. The Parliament's Rapporteur was Mr. Graefe Zu Baringdorf (D, Green). The main amendments were as follows : - a new Article 1 (a) regarding a list of support schemes to be covered by the Regulation that shall be proposed by the Commission, and after obtaining the Parliament's opinion, be adopted by the Council. - Article 2 : payments under support schemes shall be made in full to the beneficiaries who have implemented mandatory minimum environmental and animal welfare measures in accordance with good farming practice. - Article 3 - mandatory minimum environmental requirements are laid down : Member States shall draw up and promote a pro-active code for sound and environmentally-friendly agricultural practice in accordance with guidelines to be drawn up by the Commission; - the Council shall adopt, on proposal from the Commission and following the opinion of the EP, a set of mandatory minimum environmental and animal welfare requirements which shall form the basis of future national measures; - holdings run in accordance with sound professional practice shall receive the full amount of support if they fulfill the other conditions laid down by the Regulation; - introduction of specific measures to support the development of non-food products in the form of aid for producers; - Commission to introduce common principles to ensure equal treatment between farmers at EU level for the application of Art. 3; - support for farmers and stockbreeders receiving not more than EUR 15.000 in aid in a calendar year to be increased; - support schemes shall be applied without prejudice to possible review by the Council, after consulting the EP, including upward adjustment, at any moment, in the light of market developments at the end of each marketing year for the production affected; - evaluation of effectiveness of payments under support schemes to be forwarded by the Commission to the European Parliament; - cost-effectiveness of direct support - obligations on EAGGF paying agencies; - Parliament to be entitled during a given period to intervene in connection with the Commission proposals for implementing measures.

Agenda 2000: direct support schemes to farmers under the common agricultural policy

1998/0113(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 and under consultation procedure, the European Parliament adopted the second report by Friedrich-Wilhelm Graefe zu Baringdorf (V,DE), which approves the Commission proposal for a Council regulation establishing common rules for direct support schemes under the common agricultural policy, subject to the amendments adopted by Parliament on 28 /01/99.

Agenda 2000: direct support schemes to farmers under the common agricultural policy

1998/0113(CNS) - 18/03/1998 - Legislative proposal

OBJECTIVE: the proposed regulation seeks to establish common rules for the direct support systems in the framework of the common agricultural policy. It forms part of the group of proposals on the reform of the common agricultural policy and translates the guidelines of Agenda 2000.

SUBSTANCE: the Commission proposes to deal with certain issues concerning all common market organizations providing direct payments in a horizontal regulation which will contain the following rules: - cross compliance: with respect to integrating the environment more effectively into the CAP, Member States should apply appropriate environmental measures, concerning in particular the market support schemes. They will also be able to decide on appropriate and proportional penalties for infringements and will be authorized to reduce or to annul direct payments; - modulation: as agricultural income (including direct payments) has important employment impacts in rural areas, Member States will be authorized to modulate direct payment per farm within certain limits and relative to employment on the farm; - funds made available from aid reductions (either under cross-compliance or under modulation) will remain available for the Member State concerned as an additional Community support for agri-environmental measures: - ceilings: to avoid excessive transfers of public funds to individual farmers, the Commission proposes to introduce a degressive overall ceiling to direct payments. The changes in the different market organizations will require an adaptation of the integrated management and control system (Regulation 3508/92/EEC). The Commission will submit a proposal in due course.