

Basic information	
1998/0343(CNS) CNS - Consultation procedure Regulation	Procedure completed
Food supply programme to the Russian Federation Repealed by 2010/0368(COD) Subject 6.40.04.02 Relations with Russian Federation 6.50 Emergency, food, humanitarian aid, aid to refugees, Emergency Aid Reserve Geographical area Russian Federation	

Key players				
European Parliament	Committee responsible		Rapporteur	Appointed
	AGRI Agriculture and Rural Development		COLINO SALAMANCA Juan Luis (PSE)	08/12/1998
	Committee for opinion		Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
	AFET Foreign Affairs, Security and Defense Policy		The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
	BUDG Budgets		SAMLAND Detlev (PSE)	08/12/1998
	RELA External Economic Relations			
	Council of the European Union	Council configuration	Meetings	Date
Agriculture and Fisheries		2151	1998-12-14	
Fisheries		2152	1998-12-17	

Key events			
Date	Event	Reference	Summary
10/12/1998	Legislative proposal published	COM(1998)0725 	Summary

14/12/1998	Debate in Council		
14/12/1998	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
14/12/1998	Vote in committee		
14/12/1998	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A4-0506/1998	
15/12/1998	Debate in Parliament		
17/12/1998	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		
17/12/1998	End of procedure in Parliament		
24/12/1998	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information	
Procedure reference	1998/0343(CNS)
Procedure type	CNS - Consultation procedure
Procedure subtype	Legislation
Legislative instrument	Regulation
Amendments and repeals	Repealed by 2010/0368(COD)
Legal basis	EC Treaty (before Amsterdam) E 043
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	AGRI/4/10620

Documentation gateway				
European Parliament				
Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		A4-0506/1998 OJ C 098 09.04.1999, p. 0020	14/12/1998	
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		T4-0745/1998 OJ C 098 09.04.1999, p. 0144-0162	16/12/1998	Summary
European Commission				
Document type	Reference	Date	Summary	
Document attached to the procedure	SEC(1998)1990 	20/11/1998	Summary	
Legislative proposal	COM(1998)0725  OJ C 408 29.12.1998, p. 0012	10/12/1998	Summary	
Other institutions and bodies				
Institution/body	Document type	Reference	Date	Summary

CofA	Follow-up document	RCC0018/2000 OJ C 025 25.01.2001, p. 0001-0020	05/10/2000	
------	--------------------	---	------------	--

Additional information		
Source	Document	Date
European Commission	EUR-Lex	

Final act	
Regulation 1998/2802 OJ L 349 24.12.1998, p. 0012	Summary

Food supply programme to the Russian Federation

1998/0343(CNS) - 17/12/1998 - Final act

OBJECTIVE: to establish a programme to supply agricultural products to the Russian Federation. **COMMUNITY MEASURE:** Council Regulation (EC) no. 2802/98 on a programme to supply agricultural projects to the Russian Federation. **CONTENT:** Following an urgent request for food from the Russian Federation, this Regulation seeks to supply Russia, free of charge, with quantities of cereals, rice, beef and skimmed milk powder from Community intervention stocks and with quantities of pigmeat bought on the open market, for a total amount of EUR 400 million under the 1998 budget (EAGGF-Guarantee Section). The food will be sent to the neediest regions of Russia. The quantities in question are as follows: 1 000 000 tonnes of common wheat of breadmaking quality, 500 000 tonnes of rye of breadmaking quality, 50 000 tonnes of milled rice, 150 000 tonnes of beef carcasses, 100 000 tonnes of pig carcasses, 50 000 tonnes of skimmed milk powder. The food supply (free of charge to the Russian authorities) will be staggered as determined in accordance with the Russian authorities. The terms and control of the execution of the programme will be the subject of a memorandum between the Community and Russia negotiated and concluded by the Commission. The terms include, in particular, sale of the products supplied on local markets and the allocation of the net proceeds of sales to social measures under the responsibility of the Russian authorities. Exceptionally, the products supplied may be distributed free to the neediest people. The memorandum also makes provision for assistance and cooperation by the Russian authorities in monitoring, auditing, control and evaluation activities to be carried out within Russian territory. The Commission will be responsible for the execution of the programme and may defer or suspend one or more instalments if it is not ensured that the operation is being carried out satisfactorily. In particular, it will take all necessary action to ensure that supply is effected at the stage planned and in accordance with the provisions of the memorandum between the Community and Russia. It may call on outside technical assistance, by means of open or restricted invitations to tender or private contracts, for monitoring, auditing, control and evaluation of the proper conduct of the operation, including on Russian territory. **ENTRY INTO FORCE:** 25 December 1998.

Food supply programme to the Russian Federation

1998/0343(CNS) - 10/12/1998 - Legislative proposal

OBJECTIVE: to establish a programme to supply agricultural products to the Russian Federation. **CONTENT:** the objective of this Regulation is to supply Russia with quantities of cereals, rice, beef and skimmed milk powder from Community intervention stocks and with quantities of pigmeat bought on the open market, for a total amount of EUR 400 million budgeted in the supplementary and amending budget 1998 under the EAGGF-Guarantee Section (agreement concluded on 24 November 1998 between the two arms of the budgetary authority; see ?fiche de procédure? BUD0099). Appropriations which have not been used at the end of 1998 should be the subject of a carryover to the 1999 financial year. This supply programme is in response to a formal request for food aid transmitted by the Russian government 12 November 1998. On the basis of the Russian request for food, the Commission has submitted a proposal to the Council as a matter of urgency. The proposal is based on Article 43 of the EC Treaty. The Regulation proposes the basic conditions for the operation, especially the free supply of the following products: 1 000 000 tonnes of common wheat of breadmaking quality, 500 000 tonnes of rye of breadmaking quality, 50 000 tonnes of milled rice, 150 000 tonnes of beef carcasses, 100 000 tonnes of pig carcasses, 50 000 tonnes of skimmed milk powder. As far as control of the execution of the programme is concerned, the Commission considers that it does not have the capacity to exercise control inside the Russian Federation. However, the Russian Federation has undertaken to ensure that the operation runs smoothly and to take appropriate measures to ensure a proper execution of the programme. The Commission will call on outside technical assistance for monitoring, auditing, control and evaluation, including on the territory of the Russian Federation. However, it emphasises the risks inherent in this type of operation. It is therefore for Russia to monitor the execution of the programme and to distribute the aid to the population in need in a number of specified regions, in accordance with the Russian plan regarding the execution of the programme. A Memorandum of Understanding has therefore been initialled with the Russian Federation which, in addition to rules regarding the operational part and the parties' responsibilities, includes certain provisions and conditions to ensure that the programme is correctly executed. Russia

will be required to prepare regular reports on the execution of the programme. If the Commission receives evidence which gives it reason to doubt the Russian obligations, it may decide purely and simply to suspend the operation.

Food supply programme to the Russian Federation

1998/0343(CNS) - 16/12/1998 - Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading

In adopting the report of Mr. Juan COLINO SALAMANCA (PES, E), the European Parliament approved the proposed Regulation for a programme to supply agricultural products to the Russian Federation for a total amount of 400 million Euros. It would be essential that the programme, based on the Community's existing intervention stocks of wheat, rye, rice, pork, beef and powdered milk, should include an exhaustive list of all implementing conditions. The Parliament demanded that 50,000 tonnes of mackerel fillets should also be made available for free supply. The transparency of the programme's administration by the Russian authorities was also crucial. The Parliament welcomed the facility given to the Court of Auditors to intervene at any stage of the process to prevent fraud and felt that another key aspect was that Russia must not export produce of the same type or re-export the produce received. It was also stressed by the Rapporteur that the programme's execution is conditional upon compliance with the agreed criteria. Failure to respect these could lead to the programme's suspension. Implementing rules are still needed to define how and under what conditions some of the aid would be distributed freely and some of it sold on the market. He called for the Russian authorities to provide regular reports to the Commission and the Parliament on the programme's implementation.

Food supply programme to the Russian Federation

1998/0343(CNS) - 20/11/1998 - Document attached to the procedure

The Commission announced in a working document that, following the visit of the President of the Commission, Mr. Santer, to Moscow (9 October 1998) and the subsequent EU-Russia summit in Vienna (27 September 1998), a delegation of high-level Commission officials went to Moscow for a fact-finding mission in order to discuss the difficult Russian food situation with the Russian government. The meeting and discussions between the parties resulted in the conclusion that there will be substantial food shortages in certain regions in the northern and eastern parts of Russia this winter. As a result, the most severely affected Russian regions are in an urgent need for food supply from abroad. On 12 November 1998, Russia transmitted a formal request for 1 million tonnes of wheat, 500,000 tonnes of rye, 500,000 tonnes of rice, 150,000 tonnes of beef, 100,000 tonnes of pork, 50,000 tonnes of skimmed milk powder and 30,000 tonnes of macaroni. According to the request, the products included would be sold in the most severely affected Russian regions at prevailing market prices. For its part, the Russian government would give assurances to the European Union to apply full transparency and to take the necessary measures and controls in order to ensure that the food is distributed to the people in need in the regions concerned. A Memorandum of Understanding on implementation of the food aid programme requested by Russia was initialled jointly in Moscow on 3 December 1998 and lists the regions to which the food will be sent and the quantities allocated to them. Most European aid will be sent to the regions in the centre, with the exception of Moscow and St. Petersburg. Implementation of the programme will be subject to compliance with strict terms of use and distribution. These terms have been included in the Memorandum of Understanding which states that: - control of the supply and the use of the proceeds of the sale for social needs will be exercised jointly by the competent Russian authorities and the Court of Auditors of the European Union (the Douma is to set up a special control committee); - re-exportation of the European Union food will be prohibited; - the European Union will be entitled to cease the operation unilaterally in the event of irregularities. Under the Memorandum of Agreement, the Commission may now submit a formal proposal to the Council and the European Parliament detailing the procedure for the supply operations to be deployed this winter to the neediest populations and regions of Russia. This proposal will be submitted as a matter of urgency.