## Basic information

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| **1999/0160(COD)**<br>COD - Ordinary legislative procedure (ex-codecision procedure) Regulation | Procedure completed |
| Forests: protection against fire (amend. Regulation (EEC) No 2158/92)<br>**Subject**<br>3.10.11 Forestry policy | |

## Key players

### European Parliament

| Committee responsible | Rapporteur | Appointed |
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| ENVI Environment, Public Health, Consumer Policy | REDONDO JIMÉNEZ Encarnación (PPE-DE) | 22/09/1999 |

| Former committee responsible | Former rapporteur | Appointed |
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| ENVI Environment, Public Health, Consumer Policy | REDONDO JIMÉNEZ Encarnación (PPE-DE) | 22/09/1999 |

| Former committee for opinion | Former rapporteur for opinion | Appointed |
|---|---|---|
| BUDG Budgets | SBARBATI Luciana (ELDR) | 22/09/1999 |
| AGRI Agriculture and Rural Development | AUROI Danielle (V/ALE) | 11/10/1999 |

### Council of the European Union

| Council configuration | Meetings | Date |
|---|---|---|
| Agriculture and Fisheries | 2332 | 2001-02-26 |

### European Commission

| Commission DG | Commissioner |
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| Agriculture and Rural Development | |

## Key events

| Date | Event | Reference | Summary |
|---|---|---|---|
| 22/07/1999 | Legislative proposal published | COM(1999)0379 | Summary |

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| 13/09/1999 | Committee referral announced in Parliament, 1st reading | | |
| 23/05/2000 | Vote in committee, 1st reading | | Summary |
| 23/05/2000 | Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading | A5-0152/2000 | |
| 05/07/2000 | Debate in Parliament | | |
| 06/07/2000 | Decision by Parliament, 1st reading | T5-0336/2000 | Summary |
| 19/12/2000 | Modified legislative proposal published | COM(2000)0864 | Summary |
| 26/02/2001 | Council position published | 14645/1/2000 | Summary |
| 14/03/2001 | Committee referral announced in Parliament, 2nd reading | | |
| 28/05/2001 | Vote in committee, 2nd reading | | Summary |
| 28/05/2001 | Committee recommendation tabled for plenary, 2nd reading | A5-0179/2001 | |
| 12/06/2001 | Debate in Parliament | | |
| 13/06/2001 | Decision by Parliament, 2nd reading | T5-0323/2001 | Summary |
| 27/06/2001 | Final act signed | | |
| 27/06/2001 | End of procedure in Parliament | | |
| 20/07/2001 | Final act published in Official Journal | | |

## Technical information

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| **Procedure reference** | 1999/0160(COD) |
| **Procedure type** | COD - Ordinary legislative procedure (ex-codecision procedure) |
| **Procedure subtype** | Legislation |
| **Legislative instrument** | Regulation |
| **Legal basis** | EC Treaty (after Amsterdam) EC 175 |
| **Stage reached in procedure** | Procedure completed |
| **Committee dossier** | ENVI/5/13457 |

## Documentation gateway

**European Parliament**

| Document type | Committee | Reference | Date | Summary |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading | | A5-0152/2000<br>OJ C 067 01.03.2001, p. 0010 | 23/05/2000 | |
| Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading | | T5-0336/2000<br>OJ C 121 24.04.2001, p. 0176-0416 | 06/07/2000 | Summary |
| Committee recommendation tabled for plenary, 2nd reading | | A5-0179/2001 | 28/05/2001 | |
| | | T5-0323/2001 | | |

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| Text adopted by Parliament, 2nd reading | | OJ C 053 28.02.2002, p. 0133-0194 E | 13/06/2001 | Summary |

**Council of the EU**

| Document type | Reference | Date | Summary |
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| Council position | 14645/1/2000<br>OJ C 097 27.03.2001, p. 0005 | 26/02/2001 | Summary |

**European Commission**

| Document type | Reference | Date | Summary |
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| Legislative proposal | COM(1999)0379 | 22/07/1999 | Summary |
| Modified legislative proposal | COM(2000)0864 | 19/12/2000 | Summary |
| Commission communication on Council's position | SEC(2001)0411 | 09/03/2001 | Summary |

**Other institutions and bodies**

| Institution/body | Document type | Reference | Date | Summary |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| EESC | Economic and Social Committee: opinion, report | CES1120/1999<br>OJ C 051 23.02.2000, p. 0024 | 08/12/1999 | |

**Additional information**

| Source | Document | Date |
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| European Commission | EUR-Lex | |

**Final act**

Regulation 2001/1485
OJ L 196 20.07.2001, p. 0004 Summary

# Forests: protection against fire (amend. Regulation (EEC) No 2158/92)

1999/0160(COD) - 06/07/2000 - Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading

The European Parliament, in its first reading, adopted a resolution drafted by Encarnacion REDONDO JIMINEZ (EPP/ED, Spain) on the protection of forests against fire. The main amendments are as follows: -the Commission will be assisted by an advisory committee (the Standing Forestry Committee set up by Decision 89/367/EEC) -the financial allocation for the implementation of the scheme is increased from EUR 50 million to EUR 77 million for the period from 1997 to 2001. -the Parliament and the Council is to receive a report on the application of the Regulation and a revision proposal.

# Forests: protection against fire (amend. Regulation (EEC) No 2158/92)

1999/0160(COD) - 13/06/2001 - Text adopted by Parliament, 2nd reading

The European Parliament adopted, without amendments, the resolution on the common position drafted by Mrs Encarnación REDONDO JIMENEZ (EPP-ED, E) on protecting the Community's forests against fire. (Please refer to the previous document).

# Forests: protection against fire (amend. Regulation (EEC) No 2158/92)

1999/0160(COD) - 19/12/2000 - Modified legislative proposal

Council Regulations 307/97/EC amending Regulation 3528/86/EEC on the protection of the Community's forests against pollution and 308/97/EC amending Regulation 2158/92/EEC on the protection of the Community's forests against fire take Article 43 of the Treaty as their legal basis. The sole aim of the proposed regulations is to adapt the legal basis of the two regulations concerned following a Court judgement of 30 April 1997 to the effect that the legal basis for those two Regulations must be Article 130s of the Treaty (now Article 175 of the Treaty).(Refer to COD/99/159). The financial allocation for these two measures has been adusted in line with the actual budget allocations for 1997-2000 and those provided for in the 2001 PDB. The original versions of these proposals were presented to the Commission on 22 July 1999. On 6 July 2000, the European Parliament approved the Commission proposals at first reading, subject to 12 amendments. In light of these developments, the Commission has drafted two amended proposals. The Commission has made two types of amendments: - firstly, in response to the first reading by the European Parliament, a number of new provisions have been accepted; - secondly, the modified proposals also take into account the amounts actually set aside in the budget for the period 1997-2000 and those in the PDB for 2001. The Commission was able to accept 8 amendments proposed by the Parliament. Most of these were concerning policy or technical issues. The amendments or important parts of amendments that the Commission was unable to accept relate to: - a 10% increase in the financial reference amounts allocated in 1997 (i.e. to EUR 44 million for Regulation 3528/86/EEC and EUR 77 million for Regulation 2158/92/EEC, and - replacing the regulatory procedure with the advisory procedure. In view of the amounts actually set aside in the budget for the period 1997-2000, the increase proposed by Parliament would result in an increase of EUR 37 million in the budget for 2001. In other words, instead of the EUR 16 million proposed in the PDB for 2001 (heading B2-515 - Forestry) and subsequently confirmed during the budget procedure by both arms of the budgetary authority, provision should have been made for EUR 53 million. The amendment of the committee procedure does not comply with Article 2(b) of Council Decision 1999/468/EC laying down the procedures for the exercise of implementing powers conferred on the Commission.

# Forests: protection against fire (amend. Regulation (EEC) No 2158/92)

1999/0160(COD) - 26/02/2001 - Council position

The Council has approved the substance of the Commission proposals but made a number of amendments. The majority of the amendments are based on amendments by the European Parliament, particularly in the recitals which refer to the general role of forests in ecosystems, and the role of Mediterranean forests in halting the progress or desertification, to the consequences of forest damage, to attainment of the objectives in Article 33(1)(b) of the treaty and to the pan-European Ministerial Conference in Lisbon. With regard to budget financing, the Council has taken as funding available the figure for the 2001 budget adopted jointly with the Parliament. The articles on committee procedure were inserted by the Council to take account of the new Decision 1999/468/EC on committee procedure, without entailing any substantive changes. An Article and a recital on the effects of the annulled Regulations had to be added in order to ensure legal certainty.

# Forests: protection against fire (amend. Regulation (EEC) No 2158/92)

1999/0160(COD) - 09/03/2001 - Commission communication on Council's position

In its common position, the Council accepted some of the amendments included in the Commission's amended proposal. It rejected the same amendments as the Commission, i.e. those relating to the committee procedure and the budget allocations. On those two points, the Council, in agreement with the Commission, included changes. The provisions relating to committee procedure in both Regulations have been adjusted to take account of the most recent rules in this area, in accordance with Council Decision 1999/468/EC laying down the procedures for the exercise of implementing powers conferred on the Commission. The financial allocations have been increased from the EUR 34.5 million proposed by the Commission to EUR 35.1 million in the case of atmospheric pollution and reduced from the EUR 50 million proposed by the Commission to EUR 49.4 million in the case of forest fires. This new allocation between the two measures still corresponds to the total amount actually allocated during 1997-2001, i.e. EUR 84.5 million. Lastly, also in agreement wit the Commission, the Council introduced a provision to ensure legal certainty and to conform the validity of the measures taken under Regulation 307/97/EC and 308/97/EC, annulled by the Court. In view of these, the Commission supports the common position adopted by the Council.

# Forests: protection against fire (amend. Regulation (EEC) No 2158/92)

1999/0160(COD) - 22/07/1999 - Legislative proposal

PURPOSE: to amend Regulation 2158/92 on the protection of the Community's forests against fire. CONTENT: the Commission proposes adapting Regulation 2158/92/EEC by continuing the scheme to strengthen the consistency of forest measures financed in fire-risk zones, to reinforce the fight against the causes of fire and to improve prevention and monitoring systems. This scheme shall run for 10 years from 1 January 1992. It is also necessary to adapt the financial allocation for the implementation of the scheme, this shall be EUR 50 million for the period 1997 to 2001.

# Forests: protection against fire (amend. Regulation (EEC) No 2158/92)

1999/0160(COD) - 27/06/2001 - Final act

PURPOSE : to adopt a new Regulation relating to the protection of the Community's forests against fire. COMMUNITY MEASURE : Regulation 1485 /2001/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council on protection of the Community's forests against fire. CONTENT : the present Regulation aims to continue the action provided in the 1992 Regulation, in particular to strengthen the consistency of forest measures finaniced in the fire-risk zones, to reinforce the fight against the causes of fires and to improve the prevention and monitoring systems and its duration extended for a period of 5 years, thus bringing its period of application to 10 years from 1 January 1992. The financial allocation for the implementation of the scheme shall be EUR 49,4 million for the period 1997 to 2001. ENTRY INTO FORCE : 21/07/2001.