

Basic information	
1999/0236(CNS)	Procedure completed
CNS - Consultation procedure Regulation	
Support system for producers of arable crops: flax and hemp	
Amending Regulation (EC) No 1251/1999 1998/0108(CNS)	
Subject	
3.10.06.05 Textile plants, cotton 3.10.14 Support for producers and premiums	

Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
	AGRI Agriculture and Rural Development	SCHIERHUBER Agnes (PPE-DE)	19/10/1999
	Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
	BUDG Budgets	CASACA Paulo (PSE)	27/01/2000
Council of the European Union	ITRE Industry, External Trade, Research, Energy	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
	Council configuration	Meetings	Date
	Agriculture and Fisheries	2284	2000-07-17
European Commission	Commission DG	Commissioner	
	Agriculture and Rural Development		

Key events			
Date	Event	Reference	Summary
10/11/1999	Legislative proposal published	COM(1999)0576	Summary
13/12/1999	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
18/04/2000	Vote in committee		Summary

18/04/2000	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A5-0124/2000	
15/05/2000	Debate in Parliament		
16/05/2000	Decision by Parliament	T5-0210/2000	Summary
03/07/2000	Vote in committee		
06/07/2000	Decision by Parliament	T5-0306/2000	Summary
27/07/2000	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		
27/07/2000	End of procedure in Parliament		
29/07/2000	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information	
Procedure reference	1999/0236(CNS)
Procedure type	CNS - Consultation procedure
Procedure subtype	Legislation
Legislative instrument	Regulation
Amendments and repeals	Amending Regulation (EC) No 1251/1999 1998/0108(CNS)
Legal basis	EC Treaty (after Amsterdam) EC 037 EC Treaty (after Amsterdam) EC 036
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	AGRI/5/12285

Documentation gateway				
European Parliament				
Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		A5-0124/2000 OJ C 059 23.02.2001, p. 0004	18/04/2000	
Text adopted by Parliament, partial vote at 1st reading /single reading		T5-0210/2000 OJ C 059 23.02.2001, p. 0020-0051	16/05/2000	Summary
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		T5-0306/2000 OJ C 121 24.04.2001, p. 0160-0338	06/07/2000	Summary

European Commission				
Document type	Reference	Date	Summary	
Legislative proposal	COM(1999)0576 	10/11/1999	Summary	
Other institutions and bodies				
Institution/body	Document type	Reference	Date	Summary

EESC	Economic and Social Committee: opinion, report	CES0359/2000 OJ C 140 18.05.2000, p. 0003	29/03/2000	
CofR	Committee of the Regions: opinion	CDR0099/2000 OJ C 317 06.11.2000, p. 0050	14/06/2000	

Additional information		
Source	Document	Date
European Commission	EUR-Lex	

Final act
Regulation 2000/1672 OJ L 193 29.07.2000, p. 0013

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Support system for producers of arable crops: flax and hemp

1999/0236(CNS) - 06/07/2000 - Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading

The European Parliament adopted the resolution drafted by Agnes Schierhuber (EPP/ED, Austria) adding compromise amendments to the amendments adopted on 16/05/00, on a support system for producers of flax and hemp grown for fibre. The recitals state that it is expected that processing aid will result in higher purchase prices for flax and hemp and so help make it economically more viable for producers to grow them. In the case of area payments, the amendments add that, where appropriate, the sales contract may be replaced by an undertaking by the producer to carry out processing or by a job-processing contract.

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1999/0236(CNS) - 10/11/1999 - Legislative proposal

PURPOSE : to amend the Regulation 1251/1999/EC establishing a support system for producers of certain arable crops to include flax and hemp grown for fibre. CONTENT : the proposal aims to include flax and hemp under the arable crop scheme, in order to solve certain problems in the market in flax and hemp grown for fibre. - The aid for short flax fibre and hemp is extremely high in relation both to production costs and the value of the product itself. This has caused some speculative production. The areas down to these products have increased without any comparable increase in output or real market demand. The amount of aid granted should therefore be comparable to those for certain arable crops established by the above-quoted Regulation. - The payments for fibre flax are made the same as those granted for linseed. - Granting of the per-hectare aid for flax and hemp grown for fibre is made subject to certain conditions as regards cultivation. - Specific measures are laid down for hemp to ensure that illegal crops cannot be hidden among the crops eligible for area payments, thereby disturbing the common market organisation in hemp. - Straw production is linked to the area on which it is grown.

Support system for producers of arable crops: flax and hemp

1999/0236(CNS) - 16/05/2000 - Text adopted by Parliament, partial vote at 1st reading/single reading

The European Parliament in its first reading adopted the report by Agnes SCHIERHUBER (EPP/ED, Austria) amending the Commission proposal on including flax and hemp grown for fibre in the regulation establishing a support system for producers of certain arable crops. The main amendments made by the Parliament are as follows: -to prevent fraud, the producer must provide to the competent authorities proof of supply to the processor, and the processor must provide proof of the processing of the delivered fibre. If sufficient proof is not provided within 18 months, aid will fall to the level of the set-aside rate. -flax and hemp cultivation needs to be taken into account in establishing the regional base area. For Austria, Finland and Sweden, the reference years 1995 to 1997 will be applicable to flax and hemp. -the new arrangements will apply from the 2001/2002 marketing year rather than 2000/2001.

Support system for producers of arable crops: flax and hemp

1999/0236(CNS) - 27/07/2000 - Final act

PURPOSE : to amend Regulation 1251/1999 establishing a support system for producers of certain arable crops, to include flax and hemp grown for fibre. COMMUNITY MEASURE : Council Regulation 1672/2000/EC amending Regulation 1251/1999 establishing a support system for producers of certain arable crops, to include flax and hemp grown for fibre. CONTENT : after examining the Commission proposals for reform of the flax and hemp sector and the prices for agricultural products for 2000/2001, the Council unanimously approved the compromise package submitted by the Presidency and endorsed by the Commission. As regards agricultural prices, the Council went on formally to adopt the Regulations for the cereals, rice, silk worms and sheepmeat sectors. In order to solve the problems facing the market in flax and hemp grown for fibre, the amount of aid granted to the growers concerned should be comparable to that for competitor crops. To that end, and with a view to simplifying the applicable legislation, these crops should be included in the support system for producers of certain arable crops established by Regulation 1251/1999/EC. Moreover, there is a need to ensure continued production, Council Regulation 1672/2000/EC provides for aid for processing flax and hemp straw. Aid for processing should lead to an increase in the purchase price of flax and hemp straw and make production more profitable for producers. Moreover, in Finland, and in Sweden north of the 62nd Parallel and some adjacent areas affected by comparable climatic conditions rendering agricultural activity particularly difficult, a supplementary amount to the area payment of EUR 19 per tonne, multiplied by the yield utilised for the area payments, shall be applied for cereals, oilseeds, linseeds and flax and hemp grown for fibre. In relation to the area payment, for flax and hemp grown for fibre, this shall be made only, depending on circumstances, when the contract is concluded or commitment made as referred to in Article 2(1) of Regulation 1673/2000/EC. For hemp grown for fibre, the area payment shall also be made only where varieties used have a tetrahydrocannabinol content not exceeding 0,2%. Member States shall establish a system for verifying the tetrahydrocannabinol content of the crops grown on at least 30% of the areas of hemp grown for fibre for which area payment applications have been made. However, if a Member State introduces a system of prior approval for such cultivation, the minimum shall be 20%. In addition, applications for payments may not be made in respect of land which, on 31 December 1991, was under permanent pasture, permanent crops or trees or was used for non-agricultural purposes. ENTRY INTO FORCE: 29.07.2000.