Basic information

1999/0131(CNS) CNS - Consultation procedure Decision	Procedure completed
Food aid: conclusion of the Food Aid Convention 1999 See also 2012/0183(NLE) **Subject** 6.50 Emergency, food, humanitarian aid, aid to refugees, Emergency Aid Reserve	

Key players

European Parliament

Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
DEVE Development and Cooperation	SCHIERHUBER Agnes (PPE-DE)	24/11/1999

Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
AFET Foreign Affairs, Human Rights, Common Security, Defense	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
BUDG Budgets		
ITRE Industry, External Trade, Research, Energy	MAES Nelly (V/ALE)	21/09/1999
AGRI Agriculture and Rural Development	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	

Council of the European Union

Council configuration	Meetings	Date
General Affairs	2271	2000-06-13

Key events

Date	Event	Reference	Summary
22/06/1999	Legislative proposal published	COM(1999)0308	Summary
04/10/1999	Committee referral announced in Parliament		

04/04/2000	Vote in committee		Summary
04/04/2000	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A5-0105/2000	
03/05/2000	Debate in Parliament		
04/05/2000	Decision by Parliament	T5-0196/2000	Summary
13/06/2000	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		
13/06/2000	End of procedure in Parliament		
04/07/2000	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information

Procedure reference	1999/0131(CNS)
Procedure type	CNS - Consultation procedure
Procedure subtype	International agreement
Legislative instrument	Decision
Amendments and repeals	See also 2012/0183(NLE)
Legal basis	EC Treaty (after Amsterdam) EC 133 EC Treaty (after Amsterdam) EC 181 EC Treaty (after Amsterdam) EC 300-p3-a1 Rules of Procedure EP 050
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	DEVE/5/12084

Documentation gateway

European Parliament

Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		A5-0105/2000 OJ C 041 07.02.2001, p. 0004	04/04/2000	
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		T5-0196/2000 OJ C 041 07.02.2001, p. 0026-0044	04/05/2000	Summary

European Commission

Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
Legislative proposal	COM(1999)0308	22/06/1999	Summary

Final act

Decision 2000/0421 OJ L 163 04.07.2000, p. 0037	Summary

Food aid: conclusion of the Food Aid Convention 1999

1999/0131(CNS) - 13/06/2000 - Final act

PURPOSE: to approve the Food Aid Convention 1999, on behalf of the European Community. COMMUNITY MEASURE: Council Decision 2000/421 /EC on the conclusion, on behalf of the European Community, of the Food Aid Convention 1999. CONTENT: the Convention relative to food aid was due to expire on 30 June 1998 but was extended for one year up to 30 June 1999 in order to allow sufficient time for its re-negotiation. A new text was agreed by the parties on 24 March 1999. The aim of this Decision is to allow the Community to approve the new 1999 Convention. This Convention seeks to contribute to global food security and to improve international capacity to respond to emergency needs in terms of food and other food needs in developing countries. Provision is made that food aid provided to the least developed countries can be granted in the form of donations. In total, food aid supplied to the least developed countries can be granted in the form of donations. In total, food aid supplied in this form will not represent less than 80% of the contribution of a member (more if possible). For it to be applicable, the new Convention will have to be the subject of ratification by at least the government-parties holding 75% of the votes. It will be opened for ratification by its member-parties (including the Community) from 11 May to 30 June 1999 at the UN headquarters in New York. Given that the time limit set will not permit the Community to approve the Convention - given its internal procedures - the Community will have to make a declaration facilitating the application, on a provisional basis, of the Convention in question.

Food aid: conclusion of the Food Aid Convention 1999

1999/0131(CNS) - 04/05/2000 - Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading

The European Parliament in its resolution drafted by Mrs. Agnes Schierhuber (EPP, Austria) approved the conclusion of the Food Aid Convention 1999 and called on the Commission to support priority use of products deriving from Community agricultural production in the implementation of the Convention in its current and future versions.

Food aid: conclusion of the Food Aid Convention 1999

1999/0131(CNS) - 22/06/1999 - Legislative proposal

PURPOSE: approval of the Convention regarding food aid in the name of the Community in 1999. CONTENT: The Convention regarding food aid was to have expired on 30 June 1998 and was extended for one year up to 30 June 1999 in order to provide for sufficient time for its renegotiation. A new text was agreed by the parties on 24 March 1999. The objective of this proposal is to permit the Community to approve the new 1999 Convention. This would seek to contribute to global food security and to improve international capacity to respond to emergency needs in terms of food and other food needs of developing countries. The main differences between the new Convention and its predecessor are the following : - the list of eligible products that can be supplied has been slightly broadened beyond cereals; - the measures relating to the coverage of transport costs and other operating costs linked to food aid were strengthened, in particular when the food aid is placed at the direct disposal of the least developed countries and in emergency situations; - the donors may from now on express their commitments in terms of tonnage or value or a combination of the two; - when their food aid is allocated, the members can give priority to the least developed and low income countries. Provision is also made that food aid provided to the least developed countries can be granted in the form of donations. In total, food aid supplied in this form will not represent less than 80% of the contribution of a member (more if possible); - the effectiveness and the impact of food aid operations will be improved, among other things, in terms of needs assessment, follow-up of aid supplied and cooperation between donors, the beneficiaries and the other parties concerned. Furthermore, there will be absolutely no link between the supply of food aid and commercial exports of goods and services to beneficiary countries. The new Convention also contains more specific provisions aimed at promoting the development of local agriculture and eventual 'triangular transactions' and 'local purchases'. Neither can it predetermine future negotiations nor impose a limiting framework on them, including those arising in the context of the WTO, concerning the status and the supply of food aid on preferential credit conditions. For it to be applicable, the new Convention will have to be the subject of ratification by at least the government-parties holding 75% of the votes. It will be opened for ratification by its member-parties (including the Community) from 11 May to 30 June 1999 at the UN Headquarters in New York. Given that the time limit set will not permit the Community to approve the Convention, given its internal procedures, the Community will have to make a declaration facilitating the application, on a provisional basis, of the Convention in question (see procedure 1999/0130 ACC on this point).