

Basic information	
2000/0335(CNS) CNS - Consultation procedure Regulation	Procedure completed
Common agricultural policy (CAP): direct support schemes Amending Regulation (EC) No 1259/1999 1998/0113(CNS) Subject 3.10.14 Support for producers and premiums 3.45.08 Business environment, reduction of the administrative burdens	

Key players				
European Parliament	Committee responsible		Rapporteur	Appointed
	<div style="border: 1px solid red; display: inline-block; padding: 2px;">AGRI</div> Agriculture and Rural Development		GRAEFE ZU BARINGDORF Friedrich-Wilhelm (V/ALE)	24/01/2001
	Committee for opinion		Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
	<div style="border: 1px solid red; display: inline-block; padding: 2px;">BUDG</div> Budgets		The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
Council of the European Union	Council configuration		Meetings	Date
	Agriculture and Fisheries		2360	2001-06-19
	Agriculture and Fisheries		2322	2000-12-19
European Commission	Commission DG		Commissioner	
	Agriculture and Rural Development			

Key events			
Date	Event	Reference	Summary
15/12/2000	Legislative proposal published	COM(2000)0841 	Summary
19/12/2000	Debate in Council		
15/01/2001	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
28/05/2001	Vote in committee		Summary
28/05/2001	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A5-0184/2001	

14/06/2001	Decision by Parliament	T5-0360/2001	Summary
14/06/2001	Debate in Parliament		
19/06/2001	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		
19/06/2001	End of procedure in Parliament		
27/06/2001	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information	
Procedure reference	2000/0335(CNS)
Procedure type	CNS - Consultation procedure
Procedure subtype	Legislation
Legislative instrument	Regulation
Amendments and repeals	Amending Regulation (EC) No 1259/1999 1998/0113(CNS)
Legal basis	EC Treaty (after Amsterdam) EC 037
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	AGRI/5/14206

Documentation gateway				
European Parliament				
Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		A5-0184/2001	28/05/2001	
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		T5-0360/2001 OJ C 053 28.02.2002, p. 0253-0413 E	14/06/2001	Summary
European Commission				
Document type	Reference	Date	Summary	
Legislative proposal	COM(2000)0841  OJ C 120 24.04.2001, p. 0146 E	15/12/2000	Summary	

Additional information		
Source	Document	Date
European Commission	EUR-Lex	

Final act

Common agricultural policy (CAP): direct support schemes

2000/0335(CNS) - 19/06/2001 - Final act

PURPOSE : to set up a simplified aid scheme for farmers receiving small amounts of aid in order to reduce the administrative burden at the level of the farmers. **COMMUNITY MEASURE** : Council Regulation 1244/2001/EC amending Regulation 1259/1999/EC establishing common rules for direct support schemes under the common agricultural policy. **CONTENT** : this Regulation aims to reduce the administrative burden for farmers and for the national and community administrations, through the voluntary application of a simplified scheme for the payment of certain forms of direct aid to farmers receiving small amounts of such aid (maximum EUR 1250 per annum). In particular, the new scheme allows for farmers claiming small amounts to file a single consolidated claim. The scheme will apply for a trial period from 2002 to 2005. **ENTRY INTO FORCE** : 04/07/2001.

Common agricultural policy (CAP): direct support schemes

2000/0335(CNS) - 15/12/2000 - Legislative proposal

PURPOSE: to amend Regulation 1259/1999/EC establishing common rules for direct support schemes under the common agricultural policy. **CONTENT**: in order to reduce the administrative burden, in particular for farmers receiving small amounts of direct aid, the Commission is proposing that a simplified system for paying such aids be established for a trial period. The scheme will also bring about substantial simplification for the national administration responsible for paying and controlling the aids. The administrative cost of processing an application, making the payment and carrying out the necessary controls can be considerable in relation to the amounts paid, particularly when these amounts are small. On the other hand, the scheme must avoid any substantial risk of additional expenditure or of fraud or abuse. The maximum payment available to farmers under the scheme will be limited to EUR 1000 per year during the trial period. A farmer entering the scheme will have the right to remain within it from the year in which he applies for participation in the scheme until the end of the trial period in 2005. The Commission will assess the effects of the scheme during the third year of the trial period and may make appropriate proposals.

Common agricultural policy (CAP): direct support schemes

2000/0335(CNS) - 14/06/2001 - Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading

In adopting the report by Mr Friedrich-Wilhelm GRAEFE zu BARINGDORF (GREENS/EFA, D), the European Parliament supports the Commission's plan for a trial scheme designed to simplify the payment of CAP subsidies to farmers who receive small sums of money under direct support schemes. However, the House wants the cash limit raised to ensure that more lower-income farmers benefit. (Please refer to the previous document).