Basic information

2001/0099(CNS) CNS - Consultation procedure Regulation	Procedure completed
Seeds: common organisation of the market CMO, aid granted for 2002-2003 and 2003-2004 (amend. Regulation (EEC) No 2358/71) **Subject** 3.10.06 Crop products in general, floriculture 3.10.14 Support for producers and premiums	

Key players

European Parliament

Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
AGRI Agriculture and Rural Development	GRAEFE ZU BARINGDORF Friedrich-Wilhelm (V/ALE)	12/09/2001

Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
BUDG Budgets	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	

Council of the European Union

Council configuration	Meetings	Date
Agriculture and Fisheries	2404	2002-01-21
Agriculture and Fisheries	2402	2001-12-19

European Commission

Commission DG	Commissioner
Agriculture and Rural Development	

Key events

Date	Event	Reference	Summary
04/05/2001	Legislative proposal published	COM(2001)0244	Summary
30/05/2001	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
03/12/2001	Vote in committee		
03/12/2001	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A5-0442/2001	
11/12/2001	Decision by Parliament	T5-0657/2001	Summary

21/01/2002	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		
21/01/2002	End of procedure in Parliament		
29/01/2002	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information

Procedure reference	2001/0099(CNS)
Procedure type	CNS - Consultation procedure
Procedure subtype	Legislation
Legislative instrument	Regulation
Legal basis	EC Treaty (after Amsterdam) EC 037
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	AGRI/5/14721

Documentation gateway

European Parliament

Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		A5-0442/2001	03/12/2001	
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		T5-0657/2001 OJ C 177 25.07.2002, p. 0031-0055 E	11/12/2001	Summary

European Commission

Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
Legislative proposal	COM(2001)0244 OJ C 213 31.07.2001, p. 0249 E	04/05/2001	Summary

Other institutions and bodies

Institution/body	Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
EESC	Economic and Social Committee: opinion, report	CES1119/2001	12/09/2001	

Additional information

Source	Document	Date
European Commission	EUR-Lex	

Final act

Regulation 2002/0154
OJ L 025 29.01.2002, p. 0018-0021 Summary

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2001/0099(CNS) - 21/01/2002 - Final act

PURPOSE : to fix the aid for the seeds sector. COMMUNITY MEASURE : Council Regulation 154/2002/EC amending regulation 2358/71/EEC on the common organisation of the market in seeds and fixing the aid granted in the seeds sector for the 2002/2003 and 2003/2004 marketing years. CONTENT : This Regulation introduces a mechanism to stabilise the production of seeds other than rice seeds. It sets a maximum quantity eligible for aid determined on the basis of a representative average quantity harvested during a recent reference period and also a margin to take account of the cyclic fluctuations that are characteristic of seed production. The Directive allows for the preservation or development of viable small production sectors by guaranteeing a minimum quantity for Member States where there is little or no seed production. Aid is also fixed for certain seeds in accordance with the Annex to the document. DATE OF APPLICATION : 01/07/02 ENTRY INTO FORCE : 29/01/02

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2001/0099(CNS) - 04/05/2001 - Legislative proposal

PURPOSE : to amend Regulation 2358/71/EEC on the common organisation of the market in seeds and fixing the aid granted in the seeds sector for the 2002/03 and 2003/04 marketing years. CONTENT : since 1994, the area sown to seeds in the European Union has increased substantially, as have the quantities produced, particularly for certain species. Over that period, the market prices received by producers have fluctuated, sometimes considerably. At the same time, there has been an increase in the quantities exported and in the stocks held by the Community, demonstrating that more seeds are being produced than can be actually disposed of on the Community market. Under the common organisation of the market in seeds established by Council Regulation 2358/71/EEC, the amount of aid to be paid for the 2002/03 and 2003/04 marketing years must be fixed before 1 August 2001. In order to curb the constant increase in expenditure under this market organisation, a stabiliser mechanism similar to the one for rice seed must be introduced. These two matters (fixing the aid and introducing a stabiliser) must be dealt with together because they are closely linked: spending on the market organisation depends on the unit rate for aid applied to the quantity produced and eligible for Community aid. Keeping the aid at the current level is acceptable only if a stabiliser mechanism is introduced to keep spending within reasonable limits. The alternative of reducing the unit rate of aid will not be as effective and does not place responsibility on the Member States where the increased production has been recorded. Among the species of seed covered by the market organisation, Lolium perenne L. currently receives aid differentiated by variety (briefly put: high-persistence, new, and low-persistence varieties). The last item the aid was fixed, it was noted that this differentiation was no longer justified and so it was decided that it should be continued for the 2001/02 marketing year, but on a temporary basis only. This proposal aims to introduce a stabiliser similar to the one in place for rice seed for all the species covered by the market organisation and to carry over the amounts of aid to be paid for the 2002/03 and 2003/04 harvests.

Seeds: common organisation of the market CMO, aid granted for 2002-2003 and 2003-2004 (amend. Regulation (EEC) No 2358/71)

2001/0099(CNS) - 11/12/2001 - Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading

The European Parliament, using its procedure without debate, adopted the report by its rapporteur Friedrich Wilhelm GRAEFE zu BARINGDORF (Greens/ EFA, D), with some amendments. The main ones are: -a provisions that the maximum quantity of seed which is eligible for aid, and other essential features of the stabliser mechanism, in particular the manner and method of calculating the maximum quantity and the reduction in the event of exceeding the maximum guaranteed quantity will be determined by the Council after consultation with the Parliament. -a provision that the reduction will be offset against the aid payable in the subsequent marketing year. Parliament indicated that, to ensure better supply of each of the species, it may prove wothwhile to provide for differentiated support for different species in order to overcome the Community's supply deficit and safeguard a certain biodiversity in Europe.