

Basic information	
<b>2002/0044(COD)</b> COD - Ordinary legislative procedure (ex-codecision procedure) Decision	Procedure completed
Agricultural statistics: improving and extension until 2007 Amending Decision 96/411/EC <a href="#">1995/0250(CNS)</a> <b>Subject</b> 3.10.30 Agricultural statistics	

Key players				
European Parliament	<b>Committee responsible</b>		<b>Rapporteur</b>	<b>Appointed</b>
	<a href="#">AGRI</a> Agriculture and Rural Development		JOVÉ PERES Salvador (GUE/NGL)	26/02/2002
	<b>Committee for opinion</b>		<b>Rapporteur for opinion</b>	<b>Appointed</b>
	<a href="#">BUDG</a> Budgets		The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
	<a href="#">CONT</a> Budgetary Control		CASACA Paulo (PSE)	16/04/2002
	Council of the European Union	<b>Council configuration</b>		<b>Meetings</b>
Agriculture and Fisheries		2456	2002-10-14	
European Commission	<b>Commission DG</b>		<b>Commissioner</b>	
	Eurostat - European statistics			

Key events			
Date	Event	Reference	Summary
13/02/2002	Legislative proposal published	COM(2002)0080 	Summary
27/02/2002	Committee referral announced in Parliament, 1st reading		
11/07/2002	Vote in committee, 1st reading		Summary
11/07/2002	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading	A5-0260/2002	

03/09/2002	Decision by Parliament, 1st reading	<a href="#">T5-0383/2002</a>	<a href="#">Summary</a>
14/10/2002	Act adopted by Council after Parliament's 1st reading		
21/10/2002	Final act signed		
21/10/2002	End of procedure in Parliament		
29/10/2002	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information	
<b>Procedure reference</b>	2002/0044(COD)
<b>Procedure type</b>	COD - Ordinary legislative procedure (ex-codecision procedure)
<b>Procedure subtype</b>	Legislation
<b>Legislative instrument</b>	Decision
<b>Amendments and repeals</b>	Amending Decision 96/411/EC <a href="#">1995/0250(CNS)</a>
<b>Legal basis</b>	EC Treaty (after Amsterdam) EC 285
<b>Stage reached in procedure</b>	Procedure completed

Documentation gateway				
<b>European Parliament</b>				
Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		<a href="#">A5-0260/2002</a>	11/07/2002	
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		<a href="#">T5-0383/2002</a> OJ C 272 13.11.2003, p. 0028-0102 E	03/09/2002	<a href="#">Summary</a>
<b>European Commission</b>				
Document type	Reference	Date	Summary	
Document attached to the procedure	<a href="#">COM(2002)0079</a> 	13/02/2002	<a href="#">Summary</a>	
Legislative proposal	<a href="#">COM(2002)0080</a>  OJ C 126 28.05.2002, p. 0403 E	13/02/2002	<a href="#">Summary</a>	

Additional information		
Source	Document	Date
European Commission	<a href="#">EUR-Lex</a>	

Final act
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## Agricultural statistics: improving and extension until 2007

2002/0044(COD) - 13/02/2002 - Document attached to the procedure

This report refers to the implementation of Council Decision 96/411/EC, as amended by Council Decision 2298/2000/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 28 September 2000, on the improvement of Community agricultural statistics, best known as TAPAS (Technical Action Plan for Agricultural Statistics). Its aim is to take stock of the situation concerning the implementation of the Decision and to put forward if necessary proposals for its extension. Four annual action plans have been approved by the Commission since 1996. A fifth is currently being drawn up for implementation in 2002. The Community budget has allocated over EUR 3.8 million to work on improving Community agricultural statistics. With TAPAS 2002, the final annual action plan to date, a further EUR 1 million will be allocated to this work. This plan will be the last unless the period of implementation for Decision 96/411/EC is extended beyond 2002. The Community system of agricultural statistics will face the key challenges over the coming years (enlargement, incorporation of the environmental dimension in the common agricultural policy, consideration of the "multifunctional" role of agriculture, continuation of multilateral trade negotiations, dwindling resources allocated to agricultural statistics in the Member States, technological development of new data collection tools, etc.) In addition, the process of adapting the national statistics systems to the needs arising from the reform of the CAP is far from complete. As a result, TAPAS should continue for some years yet. This would make it easier to effect the anticipated changes in the systems of agricultural statistics so that they provide a better response to users' needs, particularly those of political decision-makers. In order to improve the access to the results and to facilitate the methodological developments achieved in the framework of the TAPAS actions, the Commission will continue the realisation of dissemination actions (workshops, publication of reports, etc). Nevertheless, when such decisions on renewal are taken, it is important to examine which improvements or adaptations would be desirable, in the light of experience gained and bearing in mind current developments in the Common Agricultural Policy. It is the Commission's view that all deliberations on the future of TAPAS should take the following considerations into account: 1) with regard to the guidelines: - any forthcoming Decision of the European Parliament and of the Council on extending TAPAS should cover the period from 2003 to 2007, i.e. a five-year period, so that this action can fit into the Community Statistical Programme scheduled for the same period; - the extension of TAPAS not only meets the needs for adaptation of the current Community statistical system, but also takes on a specific interest for the candidate countries considering the next enlargement of the European Union; - the adaptations introduced in 2000 into Council Decision 96/411/EC seem to meet the sought aims of simplification and effectiveness. Thus it is not necessary to envisage new substantial amendments of the basic decision; - the voluntary nature of participation by the Member States in various actions should not be called into question. 2) concerning the optimisation of resources: - the financial resources available at Community level will be relatively limited. They should therefore be concentrated, as far as possible, on those actions and Member States with the most pressing needs; - with regard to pilot projects to try out new techniques or develop more effective means of meeting statistical information requirements, coverage should be limited. 3) concerning work programming and assessment, the above points would suggest that the planning of TAPAS should continue to be carried out between the Commission and the Member States through the Standing Committee on Agricultural Statistics; - in this regard, specialised working parties in Eurostat should play an important role in the follow up of actions undertaken and in the assessment of the results obtained.

## Agricultural statistics: improving and extension until 2007

2002/0044(COD) - 21/10/2002 - Final act

PURPOSE : to improve Community agricultural statistics. COMMUNITY MEASURE : Decision 1919/2002/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Council Decision 96/411/EC on improving Community agricultural statistics. CONTENT : the Council unanimously adopted the Decision (with the abstention of the German and Swedish delegations) amending Council Decision 96/411/EC on improving Community agricultural Statistics. This Decision extends the action taken to improve the agricultural statistics system until 2007. A statement by the Commission underlines the need to include under Community TAPAS action plans projects having a clear Community interest. ENTRY INTO FORCE : 01/11/2002.

## Agricultural statistics: improving and extension until 2007

2002/0044(COD) - 13/02/2002 - Legislative proposal

PURPOSE : to present a proposal for a decision to amend Decision 96/411/EC on improving Community agricultural statistics. CONTENT : Decision 96/411/EC on improving agricultural statistics has put at the Commission's disposal a flexible tool which allows this to adapt statistical applications to changes in information needs. Decision 2298/2000/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council extends the tool introduced by Decision 96/411/EC until 2002. This tool, and in particular its extension, has helped to further the process of adapting the system of Community agricultural statistics to changes in the statistical information needs of the common agricultural policy. This tool has already been used and technical action plans have been adopted for the years 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2001 and 2002. However, this process has not yet been completed. Indeed, these efforts will need to continue in the coming years to take account on the one hand of the planned changes to the CAP and, secondly, of EU enlargement, which will significantly increase the number of Member States which may need to make major adaptations to their agricultural statistics. The Commission considers that the tool established by Decision 96/411/EC should be extended until 2007, to accompany 2003-2007 Community statistical programme, and that Article 6(4) should be amended as required under the Interinstitutional Agreement of 6 May 1999 between the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission on budgetary discipline and improvement of the budgetary procedure.

# **Agricultural statistics: improving and extension until 2007**

2002/0044(COD) - 03/09/2002 - Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading

Using the procedure without debate, the European Parliament passed a resolution adopting the report by Salvador Jove PERES (EUL/NGL, Spain) and approved the Commission's proposal.