

Basic information	
<p>2002/0052(COD)</p> <p>COD - Ordinary legislative procedure (ex-codecision procedure) Regulation</p>	Procedure completed
<p>Aid for policies and actions on reproductive and sexual health and rights in developing countries</p> <p>Repealing Regulation (EC) No 1484/97 1995/0166(SYN) Repealed by 2004/0220(COD)</p> <p>Subject</p> <p>4.20 Public health 6.30 Development cooperation 6.30.02 Financial and technical cooperation and assistance</p>	

Key players					
European Parliament	Committee responsible		Rapporteur	Appointed	
	DEVE Development and Cooperation		SANDBÆK Ulla Margrethe (EDD)	18/04/2002	
	Committee for opinion		Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed	
	BUDG Budgets		HERRANZ GARCÍA Esther (PPE-DE)	17/04/2002	
	CONT Budgetary Control		The committee decided not to give an opinion.		
	ENVI Environment, Public Health, Consumer Policy		The committee decided not to give an opinion.		
	FEMM Women's Rights and Equal Opportunities		SARTORI Amalia (PPE-DE)	18/04/2002	
	Council of the European Union	Council configuration		Meetings	Date
		General Affairs		2518	2003-06-16
		General Affairs		2509	2003-05-19
Development		2429	2002-05-30		
European Commission	Commission DG		Commissioner		
	Development				

Key events			
Date	Event	Reference	Summary
04/03/2002	Committee referral announced in Parliament, 1st reading		
07/03/2002	Legislative proposal published	COM(2002)0120	Summary
30/05/2002	Resolution/conclusions adopted by Council		
21/01/2003	Vote in committee, 1st reading		Summary
21/01/2003	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading	A5-0020/2003	
12/02/2003	Debate in Parliament		
13/02/2003	Decision by Parliament, 1st reading	T5-0060/2003	Summary
03/04/2003	Modified legislative proposal published	COM(2003)0168 	Summary
16/06/2003	Act adopted by Council after Parliament's 1st reading		
15/07/2003	Final act signed		
15/07/2003	End of procedure in Parliament		
06/09/2003	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information	
Procedure reference	2002/0052(COD)
Procedure type	COD - Ordinary legislative procedure (ex-codecision procedure)
Procedure subtype	Legislation
Legislative instrument	Regulation
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Legal basis	EC Treaty (after Amsterdam) EC 179-p1
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed

Documentation gateway				
European Parliament				
Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
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European Commission				

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Legislative proposal	COM(2002)0120 OJ C 151 25.06.2002, p. 0260 E	07/03/2002	Summary
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Additional information		
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Final act
Regulation 2003/1567 OJ L 224 06.09.2003, p. 0001-0006 Summary

Aid for policies and actions on reproductive and sexual health and rights in developing countries

2002/0052(COD) - 13/02/2003 - Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading

The European Parliament adopted a resolution based on the report by Ulla Magrethe SANDBAEK (EDD, Denmark) making several amendments to the Commission's proposal. (Please refer to the document dated 21/01/03). The following amendments were also made: - a new part recital states that the Community and its Member States maintain their commitment to the specific reproductive health goal that was agreed at the International Conference on Population and Development in 1994 (ICPD), to make accessible through the primary health care system, reproductive health care to all individuals of appropriate ages as soon as possible and no later than 2015; - experience shows that population and development programmes are most effective when steps have been taken to improve the status of women; - the importance of a holistic approach to sexual health is emphasised; - for decisions and changes to operations amounting to EUR 3 million or less (rather than EUR 5 million or less) the Commission will inform the Member States.

Aid for policies and actions on reproductive and sexual health and rights in developing countries

2002/0052(COD) - 15/07/2003 - Final act

PURPOSE : to provide an Community instrument to on aid for policies and actions on reproductive and sexual health and rights in developing countries. **LEGISLATIVE ACT :** Regulation 1567/2003/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council on aid for policies and actions on reproductive and sexual health and rights in developing countries. **CONTENT :** this Regulation shall replace Council Regulation 1484/97/EC on aid for population programmes and policies in developing countries, which expired on 31 December 2002. It reinforces the Cairo programme of Action adopted at the International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD) whilst at the same time aims to increase and accelerate efforts in light of achieving the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs). The Regulation supports the Cairo Programme of Action by giving all couples and individuals the basic right and opportunity to fully protect their reproductive and sexual health, in particular against unsafe abortion, HIV/AIDS and existing harmful practices, such as Female genital Mutilation (FGM). It aims to reduce maternal mortality and morbidity rates, which are disproportionately high in developing countries, in particular amongst the poorest girls and women. It aims to give people the right to decide freely and responsibly the number and spacing of their children and to have the information, education and means to do so. The Community shall provide financial assistance and appropriate expertise with a view to promoting a holistic approach to, and the recognition of, reproductive and sexual health and rights as defined in the ICPD Programme of Action, including safe motherhood and universal access to a comprehensive range of safe and reliable reproductive and sexual health care and services. In the allocation of such funding and expertise, priority shall be given to: - the poorest and least developed countries and the most disadvantaged sections of the populations of developing countries; - action that complements and reinforces both the policies and capacities of developing countries and the assistance provided through other instruments of development cooperation. The purpose of the activities carried out under this Regulation shall be to: - secure the right of women, men and adolescents to good reproductive and sexual health; - enable women, men and adolescents to have access to a comprehensive range of high-quality, safe, accessible, affordable and reliable reproductive and sexual health care services, supplies, education and information, including information on all kinds of family planning methods; - reduce maternal mortality and morbidity

rates, with particular reference to the countries and populations where these are highest. Community financial support shall be given to specific operations targeting the poorest and most vulnerable populations in both rural and urban areas, in particular, to those which aim to: - support and promote policy and operational frameworks and action, tailored to meet specific targets for the progressive realisation of people's rights to adequate basic health services and accountable service providers; - ensure better access to high-quality reproductive and sexual health services, offering, in particular, contraceptive choice and the prevention and diagnosis of sexually transmitted infections, including HIV/AIDS, and the provision of voluntary confidential counselling and testing; - offer adolescents and young adults educational programmes that focus on the relationship between family planning, reproductive health, sexually transmitted diseases and the impact of HIV/AIDS on partnerships, and provide them with the necessary information, services and skills to protect their reproductive and sexual health, avoid unwanted pregnancies and involve them in the design and implementation of such programmes; - combat practices harmful to the sexual and reproductive health of women, adolescents and children, such as female genital mutilation, sexual violence, child marriages and early marriages; - ensure the sustained supply, availability and affordability of more effective and acceptable methods of contraception and protection from sexually transmitted infection, including HIV/AIDS; - promote comprehensive maternal health programmes, including the provision of quality antenatal care, care during childbirth and post-natal care, and the establishment and/or expansion of a body of skilled birth attendants; - provide effective emergency obstetric and post-partum care, including treatment for complications resulting from unsafe abortion; - reduce unsafe abortions by decreasing the number of unwanted pregnancies through the provision of family planning services, compassionate counselling and information, including the use of contraception, and by investing in the training and equipping of suitable staff, including medical service personnel, to manage under hygienic and safe conditions the complications resulting from unsafe abortion. Community financing under this Regulation shall take the form of grants. A financial contribution from the partners shall be sought for each cooperation operation. The partners eligible for financial assistance under this Regulation include the classic cooperation partners such as administrative authorities and agencies at national, regional and local government levels; local authorities and other decentralised bodies, etc. Participation in invitations to tender for the award of contracts shall be open on equal terms to all natural and legal persons in the Member States and in all developing countries. It may be extended, in exceptional cases, to other third countries. Supplies shall originate in the beneficiary country, other developing countries or the Member States. In exceptional cases, supplies may originate from other third countries. In order to secure the objectives of consistency and complementarity referred to in the Treaty and to ensure maximum effectiveness of these operations as a whole, the Commission may take all necessary coordination measures, including: - the establishment of a system for the systematic exchange and analysis of information on the operations financed and those which the Community and the Member States propose to finance; - on-the-spot coordination of the implementation of operations through regular meetings and exchanges of information between the representatives of the Commission and the Member States in the recipient country. The financial framework for the implementation of this Regulation for the period from 2003 to 2006 is hereby set at EUR 73.95 million. The Commission shall be responsible for drafting strategic programming guidelines, defining the Community's cooperation in terms of measurable objectives, priorities, deadlines for specific areas of action, assumptions and expected outcomes. Programming shall be annual and indicative. Decisions concerning operations for which financing under this Regulation exceeds EUR 3 million and any changes to these operations that entail a cost overrun of more than 20 % of the amount initially fixed for the operation concerned shall be adopted. For decisions and changes to these operations amounting to EUR 3 million or less, the Commission shall inform the Member States. After each budget year, the Commission shall submit information on the guidelines for its annual indicative strategic programme and on the operations financed in the course of that year, as well as the Commission's conclusions on the implementation of this Regulation over the previous budget year. At the latest one year before the expiry of this Regulation, the Commission shall submit a comprehensive independent appraisal report on its implementation to the European Parliament and the Council with a view to establishing whether the actions undertaken under this Regulation have been effective, and with a view to providing guidelines for improving the effectiveness of future operations. On the basis of this appraisal report the Commission may make proposals for the future of this Regulation and, if necessary, proposals for its amendment. ENTRY INTO FORCE : 9 September 2003. It shall apply until 31 December 2006.

Aid for policies and actions on reproductive and sexual health and rights in developing countries

2002/0052(COD) - 07/03/2002 - Legislative proposal

PURPOSE : proposal for aid to secure reproductive and sexual health for people in developing countries. **CONTENT** : the sustained improvement in health and well-being of people in developing countries is an important outcome of development. In 1997, the Council adopted Regulation 1484/97/EC on aid for population programmes and policies in developing countries, due to expire on 31/12/02. This regulation replaces the latter, and has the following objectives: - to reinforce the Cairo Plan of Action by giving all couples and individuals the basic right and opportunity to fully protect their reproductive and sexual health, in particular against unsafe abortion and other existing harmful practises; - to provide universal access to health care, services and products; - to reduce maternal mortality and morbidity rates, which are disproportionately high in developing countries, in particular amongst the poorest young girls and women; - to give people the right to decide freely and responsibly the number and spacing of their children and to have the information, education and means to do so; The Community is committed to reaching the Millennium Development Goals in the area of reproductive health by 2015. Compared to the previous regulation, the financial framework for the implementation of this Regulation reflects a considerable increase needed to scale up the resources needed for reproductive health in developing countries. The final amount should be decided based on the APS 2003 decision, expected by the end of February 2002.

Aid for policies and actions on reproductive and sexual health and rights in developing countries

2002/0052(COD) - 03/04/2003 - Modified legislative proposal

The European Commission accepts, in its entirety, the amendments put forward by the European Parliament during its first reading. This includes the proposed increase in the financial perspective from EUR 60 million for the period 2003-2006 to EUR 73.95 for the same period.