Basic information

2002/0125(CNS) CNS - Consultation procedure Regulation	Procedure lapsed or withdrawn
Common agricultural policy CAP: financing **Subject** 3.10 Agricultural policy and economies	

Key players

Council of the European Union	
European Commission	**Commission DG** / **Commissioner** Agriculture and Rural Development /

Key events

Date	Event	Reference	Summary
11/06/2002	Legislative proposal published	COM(2002)0293	Summary
02/09/2002	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
02/09/2002	Vote in committee		Summary
02/09/2002	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A5-0277/2002	
24/09/2002	Decision by Parliament	T5-0413/2002	Summary
06/08/2004	Additional information		Summary

Technical information

Procedure reference	2002/0125(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Stage reached in procedure	Procedure lapsed or withdrawn
Committee dossier	CONT/5/16417

Documentation gateway

European Parliament

Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		A5-0277/2002	02/09/2002	
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European Commission

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Legislative proposal	COM(2002)0293	11/06/2002	Summary

Other institutions and bodies

Institution/body	Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
EESC	Economic and Social Committee: opinion, report	CES1017/2002 OJ C 061 14.03.2003, p. 0054	18/09/2002	
CofA	Court of Auditors: opinion, report	RCC0009/2002 OJ C 285 21.11.2002, p. 0001-0003	25/09/2002	Summary

Additional information

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2002/0125(CNS) - 25/09/2002 - Court of Auditors: opinion, report

Under the procedure for clearing the accounts of the European Agricultural Guidance and Guarantee Fund, the Commission decides whether expenditure by the Member States' paying agencies to carry out the common agricultural policy is in conformity with the relevant regulations and can be definitively charged to the Community budget or should be disallowed. At the moment disallowance is only permitted in respect of expenditure taking place in the 24 months before the Commission notifies a Member State that expenditure appears to have been irregularly incurred. The Court has criticised the two-year time limit as unrealistically short (for example the Commission's clearance of accounts unit examines all expenditure on a three year cycle). The Commission proposes to extend the retrospective time limit from two to three years. The attached Opinion 9/2002 supports this proposal and suggests no amendments. More importantly, according to the Court, this modification will reduce the risk that weaknesses detected in Member States' systems may not be penalised simply because the Commission has not been able to cover all areas of expenditure within a two-year cycle. Indeed, the 36-month limit is more closely in line with the Commission's current capacity to check all expenditure on a cyclical basis. In its report, the Court states that the Commission should ensure that it communicates its findings to the Member States in a timely manner, unfortunately this has not always been the case. In conclusion, the Court has no proposals to amend the Commission's text.

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2002/0125(CNS) - 11/06/2002 - Legislative proposal

PURPOSE : In relation to the common agricultural policy, to extend the clearance period during which financial recoveries can be performed.
CONTENT : Under Council Regulation 1258/99/EC on the financing of the common agricultural policy, a decision to refuse financing may not involve expenditure referred to in Article 2 of that Regulation effected prior to 24 months preceding the Commission's written communication of the results of those checks to the Member State. As regards expenditure for a measure referred to in Article 3 of that Regulation, a refusal to finance may not involve expenditure in respect of which the final payment was effected prior to 24 months preceding the Commission's written communication of the results. In

the light of experience, the application of this restriction poses a problem in terms of protecting the EU's financial interests, as it places the Commission in the unsatisfactory position of being unable to recover money that has been spent improperly, thus representing a financial loss to the Community budget. It is therefore proposed to extend to 36 months the maximum period between the start of application of financial corrections and the date of communication of the result of the checks referred to in Article 7(4) of Regulation 1258/99/EC to the Member State.

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2002/0125(CNS) - 24/09/2002 - Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading

The European Parliament adopted the resolution drafted by Diemut THEATO (EPP-ED, Germany) and approved the Commission's proposal without amendment.