

Basic information	
<b>2006/0028(CNS)</b> CNS - Consultation procedure Regulation	Procedure completed
Arrangements for importing rice  Amending Regulation (EC) No 1785/2003 <a href="#">2003/0009(CNS)</a>  <b>Subject</b>  3.10.06.03 Cereals, rice 6.20.02 Export/import control, trade defence, trade barriers	

Key players				
European Parliament	<b>Committee responsible</b>		<b>Rapporteur</b>	<b>Appointed</b>
	<span style="border: 1px solid red; padding: 2px;">AGRI</span> Agriculture and Rural Development		DAUL Joseph (PPE-DE)	21/03/2006
	<b>Committee for opinion</b>		<b>Rapporteur for opinion</b>	<b>Appointed</b>
	<span style="border: 1px solid red; padding: 2px;">INTA</span> International Trade		The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
Council of the European Union	<b>Council configuration</b>	<b>Meetings</b>	<b>Date</b>	
	Agriculture and Fisheries	2730	2006-05-22	
European Commission	<b>Commission DG</b>		<b>Commissioner</b>	
	Agriculture and Rural Development			

Key events			
Date	Event	Reference	Summary
03/03/2006	Legislative proposal published	COM(2006)0098 	Summary
16/03/2006	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
25/04/2006	Vote in committee		Summary
26/04/2006	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	<a href="#">A6-0142/2006</a>	
16/05/2006	Decision by Parliament	<a href="#">T6-0186/2006</a>	Summary

16/05/2006	Results of vote in Parliament		
22/05/2006	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		
22/05/2006	End of procedure in Parliament		
31/05/2006	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information	
Procedure reference	2006/0028(CNS)
Procedure type	CNS - Consultation procedure
Procedure subtype	Legislation
Legislative instrument	Regulation
Amendments and repeals	Amending Regulation (EC) No 1785/2003 <a href="#">2003/0009(CNS)</a>
Legal basis	EC Treaty (after Amsterdam) EC 036 EC Treaty (after Amsterdam) EC 037-p2
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	AGRI/6/34542

Documentation gateway				
<b>European Parliament</b>				
Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Committee draft report		<a href="#">PE371.825</a>	23/03/2006	
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		<a href="#">A6-0142/2006</a>	26/04/2006	
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		<a href="#">T6-0186/2006</a>	16/05/2006	<a href="#">Summary</a>
<b>European Commission</b>				
Document type	Reference	Date	Summary	
Legislative proposal	<a href="#">COM(2006)0098</a> 	03/03/2006	<a href="#">Summary</a>	

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

Final act

## Arrangements for importing rice

2006/0028(CNS) - 22/05/2006 - Final act

PURPOSE : [to amend Regulation 1785/2003/EC as regards the arrangements for importing rice.](#)

LEGISLATIVE ACT : Council Regulation 797/2006/EC.

CONTENT : the Council adopted a regulation amending regulation 1785/2003/EC as regards the arrangements for importing rice by incorporating amendments to the arrangements applicable to imports of rice which result from agreements reached by the Community with India, Pakistan, the United States and Thailand.

- Under agreements between the EU and India (Council decision 2004/617/EC) and Pakistan (Council decision 2004/618/EC), the duty applicable to imports of husked rice of certain Basmati varieties originating in India and in Pakistan is fixed at zero.

- The agreement between the EU and United States (Council decision 2005/476/EC) lays down a mechanism for calculating and fixing at regular intervals the duty applicable to imports of husked rice falling within CN code 1006 20.

- The agreement between the EC and Thailand (Council decision 2005/953/EC) lays down a mechanism for calculating and fixing at regular intervals the duty applicable to imports of semi-milled and milled rice falling within CN code 1006 30, and fixes the duty applicable to imports of broken rice falling within CN code 1006 40 00 at EUR 65 per tonne.

ENTRY INTO FORCE : 03/06/2006. The regulation will apply from 1 July 2006.

## Arrangements for importing rice

2006/0028(CNS) - 16/05/2006 - Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading

The European Parliament adopted a resolution drafted by Joseph **DAUL** (EPP-ED, FR), and approved the Commission's proposal.

## Arrangements for importing rice

2006/0028(CNS) - 03/03/2006 - Legislative proposal

PURPOSE: to amend Regulation 1785/2003/EC on the common organisation of the market in rice as regards arrangements for the import of this product.

PROPOSED ACT: Council Regulation.

CONTENT: in June 2003, the Commission was authorised by the Council to notify the WTO of the EU's intention to modify concessions on the import of two types of rice, namely husked rice and milled rice. Following this notification, the Commission negotiated agreements with those countries principally affected by these two types of rice. Accordingly, India, Pakistan, the United States and Thailand signed Agreements with the EU. The Agreements, in the form of Council Decisions, lay down the conditions for fixing import duties in line with the nature of the product and the quantities imported. In signing these Agreements the Commission has had to derogate from Regulation 1785/2003/EC on the common organisation of the market in rice for a transitional period only – i.e. 30 June 2006. The purpose of this proposal, therefore, is to incorporate the Agreements into Regulation 1785 /2003 in the form of amendments before the transitional period runs out in June 2006.

The proposal includes provisions on the import duty of both husked rice, semi-milled or wholly milled rice and broken rice. It also sets out the quantities to be imported depending on which CN code they fall under. Finally, the proposed Regulation includes a new Article on husked Basmati rice, certain types of which should qualify for a zero rate of import duty.