

| Basic information | |
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| 2008/0011(CNS) CNS - Consultation procedure Regulation | Procedure completed |
| Common organisation of agricultural markets (CMO): flax and hemp sectors Amending Regulation (EC) No 1234/2007 2006/0269(CNS) Subject 3.10.03 Marketing and trade of agricultural products and livestock 3.10.06.05 Textile plants, cotton | |

| Key players | | | | |
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| European Parliament | Committee responsible | | Rapporteur | Appointed |
| | AGRI Agriculture and Rural Development | | PARISH Neil (PPE-DE) | 18/12/2007 |
| | 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 | | 2860 | 2008-03-17 |
| European Commission | Commission DG | | Commissioner | |
| | Agriculture and Rural Development | | FISCHER BOEL Mariann | |

| Key events | | | |
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| Date | Event | Reference | Summary |
| 29/01/2008 | Legislative proposal published | COM(2008)0027  | Summary |
| 21/02/2008 | Committee referral announced in Parliament | | |
| 26/02/2008 | Vote in committee | | Summary |
| 27/02/2008 | Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading | A6-0045/2008 | |
| 11/03/2008 | Decision by Parliament | T6-0076/2008 | Summary |

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| 11/03/2008 | Results of vote in Parliament |  | |
| 17/03/2008 | Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament | | |
| 17/03/2008 | End of procedure in Parliament | | |
| 19/03/2008 | Final act published in Official Journal | | |

| Technical information | |
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| Procedure reference | 2008/0011(CNS) |
| Procedure type | CNS - Consultation procedure |
| Procedure subtype | Legislation |
| Legislative instrument | Regulation |
| Amendments and repeals | Amending Regulation (EC) No 1234/2007 2006/0269(CNS) |
| Legal basis | EC Treaty (after Amsterdam) EC 037 EC Treaty (after Amsterdam) EC 036 |
| Stage reached in procedure | Procedure completed |
| Committee dossier | AGRI/6/58779 |

| Documentation gateway | | | | |
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| European Parliament | | | | |
| Document type | Committee | Reference | Date | Summary |
| Committee draft report | | PE400.687 | 05/02/2008 | |
| Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading | | A6-0045/2008 | 27/02/2008 | |
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| Additional information | | |
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| National parliaments | IPEX | |
| European Commission | EUR-Lex | |

| Final act |
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Common organisation of agricultural markets (CMO): flax and hemp sectors

2008/0011(CNS) - 17/03/2008 - Final act

PURPOSE: to extend for one further marketing year (2008-2009) aid granted to the production of short flax fibre and hemp fibre.

LEGISLATIVE ACT: Council Regulation (EC) No 247/2008 amending Regulation (EC) No 1234/2007 establishing a common organisation of agricultural markets and on specific provisions for certain agricultural products (Single CMO Regulation).

CONTENT: the processing aid for short flax fibre and hemp fibre, containing not more than 7.5% impurities and shives applies until the end of the marketing year 2007/2008. However, as a result of favourable market conditions, the Council has adopted this Regulation extending, as from 1 July 2008 until 2009, the aid scheme for processing flax and hemp straw into fibre.

The current level of EUR 160 per tonne for the 2008/2009 marketing year and will increase up to EUR 200 per tonne from the 2009/2010 marketing year onwards.

The additional aid granted to processors of long flax fibre in traditional production areas of Belgium, France and the Netherlands will remain unchanged during the 2008/2009 marketing year (EUR 120 per hectare or EUR 50 per hectare depending on the production zone).

The aid for short flax and hemp fibres will be kept at EUR 90 per tonne. In order to promote the production of high-quality short flax and hemp fibres, the aid is granted to fibres containing a maximum of 7,5 % of impurities and shives. However, the Member States may derogate from this limit and grant processing aid for short flax fibre containing a larger percentage of impurities.

The maximum guaranteed quantity per marketing year is 80 878 tonnes for long flax fibre and 147 265 tonnes for short flax fibre and hemp fibre.

ENTRY INTO FORCE: 26 March 2008

APPLICATION: as from 01 July 2008.

Common organisation of agricultural markets (CMO): flax and hemp sectors

2008/0011(CNS) - 29/01/2008 - Legislative proposal

PURPOSE: to extend for one further marketing year (2008-2009) aid granted to the production of short flax fibre and hemp fibre.

PROPOSED ACT: Council Regulation.

BACKGROUND: the processing aid for short flax fibre and hemp fibre, containing not more than 7.5% impurities and shives applies until the end of the marketing year 2007/2008. The introduction of processing aid for fibres has resulted in the elimination of speculative production and the 2000 reform has led to a significant reduction in Community expenditure and the stabilisation of the budget at around EUR 2 million. Further, the reform has resulted in viable growth outlets and generally safeguarded or, in some cases, improved producers' income over the period concerned. Processing aid has supported EU flax and hemp fibre production, all of which have a positive impact on the environment (preservation and biodiversity).

Taking the above into account and given that current processing aid has helped to create jobs in traditionally producing regions, the Commission is proposing to extend the current aid scheme for a further marketing year, 2008-2009.

CONTENT: the purpose of this proposal, therefore, is to amend the existing short flax and hemp fibre Regulation (Regulation (EC) No 1234/2007) establishing the "Single CMO". The amendments will allow the current level of EUR 160 per tonne to be maintained and that the aid for short flax and hemp fibres to be kept at EUR 90 per tonne. On the matter of the national guaranteed quantities, the present levels will continue to apply.

As regards the maximum content of impurities and shives, considering that most Member States make use of the 7.5% limit derogation and that certain end-users require a high level of impurities, the current system should be maintained to allow the Member States to grant aid for short flax fibre containing a maximum of 15% of impurities and shives and hemp fibre containing a maximum of 25%.

The additional aid granted to primary processors of long flax fibre in certain traditional production areas of the Netherlands, Belgium and France will remain unchanged, that is aid of EUR 120 per hectare in zone I and EUR 50 per hectare in zone II, as laid down in Regulation (EC) No 1673/2000.

The Member States will retain responsibility for a number of important issues including:

- THC content controls and the use of authorised hemp varieties;
- accountancy control of authorised primary processors; and

- stock control.

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2008/0011(CNS) - 17/03/2008 - Corrigendum to final act

PURPOSE: **Corrigendum** to Commission Decision 2008/984/EC amending Annex C to Council Directive 64/432/EEC and Decision 2004/226/EC as regards diagnostic tests for bovine brucellosis.

CONTENT: on page 40, point 1: for Annex C to Directive 64/432/EEC is replaced by the following: read: '1. In Annex C to Directive 64/432/EEC points 1, 2 and 3 are replaced by the following:'.

Common organisation of agricultural markets (CMO): flax and hemp sectors

2008/0011(CNS) - 11/03/2008 - Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading

The European Parliament adopted, by 566 to 33 with 13 abstentions, a legislative resolution under the consultation procedure, approving the proposal to amend Regulation (EC) N° 1234/2007 establishing a common organisation of agricultural markets and on specific provisions for certain agricultural products (Single CMO Regulation) – flax and hemp.

The report was tabled for plenary by Neil **PARISH** (EPP-ED, UK), on behalf of the Committee on Agriculture and rural Development.