Basic information

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Common agricultural policy (CAP): national restructuring programmes for the cotton sector 2010-2017 Amending Regulation (EC) No 637/2008 2007/0242(CNS) **Subject** 3.10.06.05 Textile plants, cotton 3.10.14 Support for producers and premiums	

Key players

European Parliament	**Committee responsible**	**Rapporteur**	**Appointed**
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Council of the European Union	**Council configuration**	**Meetings**	**Date**
	Agriculture and Fisheries	2944	2009-05-25

Key events

Date	Event	Reference	Summary
02/02/2009	Legislative proposal published	COM(2009)0037	Summary
19/02/2009	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
31/03/2009	Vote in committee		Summary
02/04/2009	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A6-0200/2009	
22/04/2009	Decision by Parliament	T6-0229/2009	Summary
22/04/2009	Results of vote in Parliament		
25/05/2009	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		
25/05/2009	End of procedure in Parliament		
09/06/2009	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information

Procedure reference	2009/0008(CNS)

Procedure type	CNS - Consultation procedure
Procedure subtype	Legislation
Legislative instrument	Regulation
Amendments and repeals	Amending Regulation (EC) No 637/2008 2007/0242(CNS)
Legal basis	EC Treaty (after Amsterdam) EC 037-p2
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	AGRI/6/72875

Documentation gateway

European Parliament

Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Committee draft report		PE421.188	25/02/2009	
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Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		A6-0200/2009	02/04/2009	
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		T6-0229/2009	22/04/2009	Summary

European Commission

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Legislative proposal	COM(2009)0037	02/02/2009	Summary
Commission response to text adopted in plenary	SP(2009)3507	25/06/2009	

Additional information

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Final act

Regulation 2009/0472
OJ L 144 09.06.2009, p. 0001 Summary

Common agricultural policy (CAP): national restructuring programmes for the cotton sector 2010-2017

2009/0008(CNS) - 25/05/2009 - Final act

PURPOSE: to extend the programming period of restructuring programmes in the cotton sector and amending Regulation (EC) No 637/2008.

LEGISLATIVE ACT: Council Regulation (EC) No 472/2009 amending Regulation (EC) No 637/2008 as regards the national restructuring programmes for the cotton sector.

CONTENT: the Council adopted by a qualified majority, with the United Kingdom delegation voting against, this Regulation amending Regulation (EC) No 637/2008 with a view to extending the programming period of national restructuring programmes in the cotton sector from 4 to 8 years. Council Regulation (EC) No 637/2008 envisaged 4-year restructuring programmes. However, in view of the substantial difficulties the sector is facing, Member States are given the possibility of submitting an 8-year programme instead, without increasing the annual budgetary allocation available to the Member States for restructuring programmes.

The level of annual aid for the restructuring programme has already been set by Council Regulation (EC) No 637/2008 and remains unchanged. If Member States choose to submit an **eight-year programme** their annual budgetary envelope will in 2018 automatically be transferred to their national ceiling for direct payments, in accordance with Annex VIII of Regulation (EC) No 1782/2003.

In addition, with the aim of ensuring that all ginning factories active in the reference period should be eligible for the aid, ginning factories not operated by their owners in the reference marketing year are included as beneficiaries of the measures under Regulation (EC) No 637/2008.

ENTRY INTO FORCE: 16/06/2009.

Common agricultural policy (CAP): national restructuring programmes for the cotton sector 2010-2017

2009/0008(CNS) - 22/04/2009 - Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading

The European Parliament adopted by 592 votes to 48 with 32 abstentions, a legislative resolution amending, under the consultation procedure, the proposal for a Council regulation amending Regulation (EC) No 637/2008 as regards the national restructuring programmes for the cotton sector.

The only amendment aims to clarify the true cause of the crisis facing this sector. It stresses that the reform that entered into force on 1 January 2006 led to a drastic fall in cotton production in Spain that has seriously jeopardised the sector's survival, resulting in the immediate restructuring of the ginning industry.

Common agricultural policy (CAP): national restructuring programmes for the cotton sector 2010-2017

2009/0008(CNS) - 02/02/2009 - Legislative proposal

PURPOSE: to extend the programming period of restructuring programmes in the cotton sector and amending Regulation (EC) No 637/2008.

PROPOSED ACT: Council Regulation.

BACKGROUND: in its conclusions of 20 November 2008, the Council invited the Commission to propose modification of the Regulation (EC) No 637 /2008, in order to extend the programming period of restructuring programmes in the cotton sector. The national restructuring programmes aim to aid the European cotton sector in view of the difficulties posed by the changed legal and market context. Specifically, the cotton ginning industry in some production areas is faced with considerably overcapacity.

CONTENT: Council Regulation (EC) No 637/2008 envisages 4-year restructuring programmes. However, in view of the substantial difficulties the sector is facing, Member States should be given the possibility of submitting an 8-year programme instead. An 8 year period would provide the possibility of launching a larger number of measures without increasing the annual budgetary envelopes.

Ginning factories not operated by their owners in the reference marketing year are excluded as beneficiaries from the measures provided in Council Regulation (EC) No 637/2008. The proposed technical modification ensures all ginning factories that operated in the reference period could be eligible.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: the proposal does not increase the annual budgetary envelope available to the Member States for the restructuring programmes, but it does provide Member States with the possibility of submitting a programme for a duration of 8 years, i.e. for the period 2010 to 2017. The level of the annual support to the restructuring programme was already fixed in Council Regulation (EC) No 637/2008 and remains unchanged. If Member States choose to submit an 8 year programme, their annual budgetary envelope will be automatically transferred to their national ceiling for direct payments, as determined in Annex VIII to Regulation (EC) No 1782/2003, in 2018.