



Basic information	
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Common agricultural policy CAP, reform: cereals, common organisation of the market CMO Amended by 2006/0256(CNS) Subject 3.10.03 Marketing and trade of agricultural products and livestock 3.10.06.03 Cereals, rice	

Key players				
European Parliament	Committee responsible		Rapporteur	Appointed
	AGRI Agriculture and Rural Development		SOUCHET Dominique F.C. (NI)	23/01/2003
	Committee for opinion		Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
	BUDG Budgets		HERRANZ GARCÍA Esther (PPE-DE)	19/02/2003
	ITRE Industry, Research and Energy		FIORI Francesco (PPE-DE)	20/02/2003
Council of the European Union	Council configuration	Meetings	Date	
	Agriculture and Fisheries	2481	2003-01-27	
	Agriculture and Fisheries	2494	2003-03-17	
	Agriculture and Fisheries	2528	2003-09-29	
	Agriculture and Fisheries	2516	2003-06-25	
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Key events			
Date	Event	Reference	Summary
21/01/2003	Legislative proposal published	COM(2003)0023 	Summary
27/01/2003	Debate in Council		

13/02/2003	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
17/03/2003	Debate in Council		
20/05/2003	Vote in committee		Summary
20/05/2003	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A5-0174/2003	
03/06/2003	Debate in Parliament	CRE link	
05/06/2003	Decision by Parliament	T5-0258/2003	Summary
29/09/2003	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		
29/09/2003	End of procedure in Parliament		
21/10/2003	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information	
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Procedure type	CNS - Consultation procedure
Procedure subtype	Legislation
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Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	AGRI/5/19132

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European Parliament				
Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		A5-0174/2003	20/05/2003	
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		T5-0258/2003 OJ C 068 18.03.2004, p. 0332-0549 E	05/06/2003	Summary
European Commission				
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Legislative proposal	COM(2003)0023 	21/01/2003	Summary	
Other institutions and bodies				
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ESC	Economic and Social Committee: opinion, report	CES0584/2003 OJ C 208 03.09.2003, p. 0039-0040	14/05/2003	
CofR	Committee of the Regions: opinion	CDR0066/2003 OJ C 256 24.10.2003, p. 0018-0023	02/07/2003	
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EU	Implementing legislative act	OJ L 312 11.11.2006, p. 0033-0040	10/11/2006	Summary
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Additional information		
Source	Document	Date
European Commission	EUR-Lex	

Final act	
Regulation 2003/1784 OJ L 270 21.10.2003, p. 0078-0095	Summary

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2003/0008(CNS) - 05/06/2003 - Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading

The European Parliament adopted the report drafted by Dominique F. C. SOUCHET (IND, France) and amended the Commission's proposal. (Please see the document dated 20/05/03. Parliament stated that, since the implementation of Regulation 1766/92EC, intervention prices have been reduced five times, making a total of 45%, whereas, over the same period, the consumer price index in the EU has risen by 25.5%. In real terms, therefore, the reduction in the intervention price amounts to 56%. Parliament added that cereals prices in Europe are now virtually on a par with international prices. An intervention price for cereals is fixed at EUR 101,31/tonne. The intervention price valid for maize and sorghum in May will remain valid in July, August and September of the same year. The need to reduce the intervention price for cereals will be re-assessed in 2006. An intervention price for cereals is fixed at EUR 101,31/tonne. The intervention price valid for maize and sorghum in May will remain valid in July, August and September of the same year. The need to reduce the intervention price for cereals will be re-assessed in 2006. On the question of rye, the Commission had stated that rye should be excluded from the intervention system. Parliament felt that intervention in respect of rye should be restricted to a certain period of time and should occur only in those places for which no alternatives to growing rye have been found which are justifiable from the agricultural and economic points of view. This would lead to lower intervention stocks of rye and would preserve jobs and incomes in disadvantaged areas. Furthermore, a regulating mechanism should be set up to encourage the use of rye in animal feed and as a raw material for special technical applications and energy production. The Commission must propose before 31 December 2004, a plan to encourage the use of rye on the internal market. On the question of potato starch, a minimum price equal to EUR 178,31/tonne is fixed for potatoes intended for the production of potato starch. A direct payments scheme is introduced, the amount of the payment being EUR 111/tonne.

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2003/0008(CNS) - 21/01/2003 - Legislative proposal

PURPOSE : to repeal and replace Regulation 1766/92/EC on the common organisation of the market in cereals. CONTENT : a final 5% reduction (of the 20% proposed in Agenda 2000) is proposed to bring the cereals intervention price down to EUR 95.35/t from 2004/05 to ensure that intervention is a real safety net. To avoid a further accumulation of intervention stocks, rye will be excluded from the intervention system. With the diminishing role of intervention, a seasonal correction for the intervention price will no longer be justified. It is therefore proposed to abolish the monthly increment system. Production refunds for starches and certain derived products will no longer be applied. As a consequence of the cut in cereal intervention price, area payments for cereals and other relevant arable crops will be increased from EUR 63 to EUR 66/t. These will be included in the single farm payment. (Please refer to CNS/2003/0006). The proposals also deal with import duty within the WTO provisions, export refunds and licences, and other matters consequent on a common market in cereals.

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2003/0008(CNS) - 29/09/2003 - Final act

PURPOSE : to repeal and replace Regulation 1766/92/EC on the common organisation of the market in cereals. LEGISLATIVE ACT : Council Regulation 1784/2003/EC on the common organisation of the market in cereals. CONTENT : the Council formally adopted the Regulations on reform of the Common Agricultural Policy, without debate and by a qualified majority, the Portuguese delegation voting against the "horizontal" Regulation and the Regulation establishing a levy in the milk and milk products sector. Statements by the Council, Belgium, France, the Netherlands, Luxembourg, Austria, Finland, the United Kingdom, Portugal (giving reasons for voting against) and the Commission are appended to the legal texts adopted. Initially based on principles (Articles 32 to 38 of the Treaty) intended to ensure self-sufficiency in food for the European Community by increasing agricultural productivity, to guarantee a high income to farmers, to stabilise markets and to provide agricultural products at a reasonable price to consumers, the reformed CAP henceforth introduces a new key element, a pillar of the reform, which is the partial decoupling of production-related aid, based on a

reference period (2000-2002); it now makes payment of such aid conditional on compliance with rules on the environment, animal welfare, hygiene standards and preservation of the countryside. The key elements of the new, reformed CAP in a nutshell: - a single farm payment for EU farmers, independent from production; limited coupled elements may be maintained to avoid abandonment of production, - this payment will be linked to the respect of environmental, food safety, animal and plant health and animal welfare standards, as well as the requirement to keep all farmland in good agricultural and environmental condition ("cross-compliance"), - a strengthened rural development policy with more EU money, new measures to promote the environment, quality and animal welfare and to help farmers to meet EU production standards starting in 2005, - a reduction in direct payments ("modulation") for bigger farms to finance the new rural development policy, - a mechanism for financial discipline to ensure that the farm budget fixed until 2013 is not overshot, - revisions to the market policy of the CAP: - asymmetric price cuts in the milk sector: The intervention price for butter will be reduced by 25% over four years, which is an additional price cut of 10% compared to Agenda 2000, for skimmed milk powder a 15% reduction over three years, as agreed in Agenda 2000, is retained, - reduction of the monthly increments in the cereals sector by half, the current intervention price will be maintained, - reforms in the rice, durum wheat, nuts, starch potatoes and dried fodder sectors. As regards cereals, the current intervention price for cereals is maintained. The basic amount for arable crops remains EUR 63/t. The existing seasonal correction for intervention price ("monthly increments") will be reduced by 50%. To avoid a further accumulation of intervention stocks, rye will be excluded from the intervention system. To cushion adverse effects of the necessary restructuring, the following transitional measure will apply. For Member States where the rye production is higher than 5% of its total cereal production and 50% of the EU's total rye production, 90% of the modulation money stays in the country. At least 10% of this money has to be spent in rye producing regions. ENTRY INTO FORCE : 28 October 2003.

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2003/0008(CNS) - 10/11/2006 - Implementing legislative act

ACT: to codify provisions on fixing and granting adjusted refunds on cereals exported in the form of certain spirit drinks.

CONTENT: in the interests of clarity and rationality this Act codifies provisions set out in Commission Regulation 2825/93/EEC laying down certain detailed rules for the application of Council Regulation 1766/92/EEC *as regards the fixing and granting of adjusted refunds in respect of cereals exported in the form of certain spirit drinks.*

The purpose of these Regulations is to set out detailed rules for fixing and granting export refunds for cereals exported in the form of spirit drinks and for which a compulsory ageing period of at least three years is part of the manufacturing process. The spirits referred to are set out in Article 16 of Regulation 1784/2003/EC and include Scotch whiskey, Irish whiskey and Spanish whiskey.

ENTRY INTO FORCE: 12 November 2006.