

# Procedure file

Basic information	
CNS - Consultation procedure Directive	1995/0239(CNS)
Sweden: list of less-favoured farming areas within the meaning of directive 75/268/EEC	
Subject	3.10.01.06 Less-favoured agricultural areas
Geographical area	Sweden

Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
	<b>AGRI</b> Agriculture and Rural Development		
Council of the European Union	Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
	<b>BUDG</b> Budgets	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
	Council configuration	Meeting	Date
	<a href="#">Competitiveness (Internal Market, Industry, Research and Space)</a>	<a href="#">1886</a>	23/11/1995

Key events			
03/10/1995	Legislative proposal published	COM(1995)0453	Summary
23/10/1995	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
31/10/1995	Vote in committee		
17/11/1995	Decision by Parliament	T4-0567/1995	Summary
23/11/1995	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		
23/11/1995	End of procedure in Parliament		
30/11/1995	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information	
Procedure reference	1995/0239(CNS)
Procedure type	CNS - Consultation procedure
Procedure subtype	Legislation

Legislative instrument	Directive
Legal basis	Rules of Procedure EP 52-p1; EC before Amsterdam E 000
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	AGRI/4/07185

### Documentation gateway

Legislative proposal	COM(1995)0453	04/10/1995	EC	Summary
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading	T4-0567/1995 <a href="#">OJ C 323 04.12.1995, p. 0141-0145</a>	17/11/1995	EP	Summary

### Additional information

European Commission	<a href="#">EUR-Lex</a>
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### Final act

[Directive 1995/498](#)  
[OJ L 287 30.11.1995, p. 0033](#) Summary

## Sweden: list of less-favoured farming areas within the meaning of directive 75/268/EEC

OBJECTIVE: to establish the list of less-favoured farming areas in Sweden, in accordance with Article 2(1) of Directive 75/268/EEC, so that they may be included in the Community list of less-favoured farming areas. SUBSTANCE: according to Declaration No 37 of Sweden's Act of Accession to the European Union, the listed areas should be delimited in accordance with the *acquis communautaire* and should also take account of the fact that Sweden lies in the northern latitudes as a relevant criterion for the purpose of Article 3(3) of Directive 75/268/EEC. These various criteria have resulted in a list of communes (F-rsamling) submitted to the Commission by the Swedish Government which are likely to appear in the Community list of less-favoured farming areas. These areas comply with the requirements of paragraphs 3, 4 and 5 of Article 3 of Directive 75/268/EEC. They include: - mountainous areas where the altitude, slope and northern location shorten the growing season and make it more difficult to use machinery (Article 3(3)); - less-favoured farming areas characterised by low productivity of the land and low farming incomes (Article 3(4)); - less-favoured areas affected by specific handicaps (small farms, hills, poor hydrographic situation, inshore or lake islands, etc.) and where agricultural activity is essential to preserve the countryside (Article 3(5)). The application of these criteria result in of the agricultural area (AA) of Sweden being covered (four of the five agricultural support areas existing in the north of Sweden at the time of accession are included). A breakdown of the areas listed appears in the annex. The areas with specific handicaps do not exceed 4% of Sweden's surface area. Community funding for compensatory payments to be granted to farmers in these areas will be included in the overall amount set aside for Objectives 5a and 6 of the Structural Funds. ?

## Sweden: list of less-favoured farming areas within the meaning of directive 75/268/EEC

Parliament approved the proposal for a directive in accordance with the procedure laid down in article 143 of its rules of procedure (without debate). ?

## Sweden: list of less-favoured farming areas within the meaning of directive 75/268/EEC

- OBJECTIVE: presentation of the list of disadvantaged agricultural zones in Sweden which, according to Article 2 (1) of Directive 75/268/EEC, are to be included in the Community list of disadvantaged agricultural zones. - COMMUNITY MEASURE: Council Directive 95/498/EC concerning the Community list of disadvantaged agricultural zones as defined in Directive 75/268/EEC (Sweden). - SUBSTANCE: According to declaration No 37 of the Act of Accession of Sweden to the European Union, the listed zones are defined in accordance with the "*acquis communautaire*" and should take account of the fact that Sweden lies in the northern latitudes, as a relevant criterion for the purpose of Article 3 (3) of Directive 75/268/EEC. The criteria in question have produced a list of districts (Församling) proposed by the Swedish Government, and presented in the annex to the Directive, which are to appear on the Community list of disadvantaged zones. These zones shall comply with the regulations provided under Article 3 (3, 4 and 5) of Directive 75/268/EEC. The areas in question are: - mountainous zones where the altitude, the gradient and the northern location reduce the vegetation period and the possibility of mechanisation (Article 3 (3)); - zones which are disadvantaged from an agricultural point of view and characterised by low soil productivity and poor agricultural revenues (Article 3 (4)); - disadvantaged zones which have specific handicaps (low density of agricultural plots, hilly ground, poor hydrographic situation, coastal or lake-based islands, etc.) and where agriculture has to be supported in order to maintain the natural environment (Article 3 (5)). The application of these indices results in a 51% coverage of the country's agricultural land (4 of the 5 zones of northern Sweden receiving agricultural aid

prior to accession are to be considered). Zones having specific handicaps do not exceed 4% of the country's land surface. Community support for expenditure by way of compensation to be paid to farmers operating in these zones shall be considered within the overall sum provided for Objectives 5a and 6 of the Structural Funds. - ENTRY INTO FORCE: 23.11.1995 ?