


# Procedure file

| Basic information   |                                       |
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| CNS - Consultation procedure<br>Regulation  | 1995/0244(CNS)<br>Procedure completed |
| EAGGF Guarantee section, control of expenditure: member states' action programmes       |                                       |
| Amended by <a href="#">2001/0130(CNS)</a><br>Repealed by <a href="#">2004/0164(CNS)</a> |                                       |
| Subject<br>3.10.13 European Agricultural Guidance and Guarantee Fund, EAGGF and EAGF    |                                       |

| Key players                   |   |  |            |
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| European Parliament           | Committee responsible                         | Rapporteur                                   | Appointed  |
|                               | <b>CONT</b> Budgetary Control                 |  | 22/11/1995 |
|                               |   | PPE <a href="#">GARRIGA POLLEDO Salvador</a> |            |
|                               | Committee for opinion                         | Rapporteur for opinion                       | Appointed  |
|                               | <b>AGRI</b> Agriculture and Rural Development |  | 11/12/1995 |
|                               |   | ELDR <a href="#">JÄRVILAHTI Timo Juhani</a>  |            |
|                               | <b>BUDG</b> Budgets                           |  | 31/10/1995 |
|                               |   | ELDR <a href="#">MULDER Jan</a>              |            |
| Council of the European Union | Council configuration                         | Meeting                                      | Date       |
|                               | <a href="#">Agriculture and Fisheries</a>     | <a href="#">2000</a>                         | 22/04/1997 |
|                               | <a href="#">Agriculture and Fisheries</a>     | <a href="#">1995</a>                         | 17/03/1997 |

| Key events |   |   |         |
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| 12/10/1995 | Legislative proposal published                                  | COM(1995)0467   | Summary |
| 17/11/1995 | Committee referral announced in Parliament                      |   |         |
| 27/02/1996 | Vote in committee   |   | Summary |
| 27/02/1996 | Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading | <a href="#">A4-0063/1996</a>  |         |
| 27/03/1996 | Debate in Parliament  |  |         |
| 28/03/1996 | Decision by Parliament  | T4-0155/1996  | Summary |
| 22/04/1997 | Act adopted by Council after consultation                       |   |         |

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|            | of Parliament                           |  |  |
| 22/04/1997 | End of procedure in Parliament          |  |  |
| 25/04/1997 | Final act published in Official Journal |  |  |

### Technical information

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| Procedure reference        | 1995/0244(CNS)  |
| Procedure type             | CNS - Consultation procedure  |
| Procedure subtype          | Legislation   |
| Legislative instrument     | Regulation  |
|                            | Amended by <a href="#">2001/0130(CNS)</a><br>Repealed by <a href="#">2004/0164(CNS)</a> |
| Legal basis                | EC before Amsterdam E 043   |
| Stage reached in procedure | Procedure completed   |
| Committee dossier          | CONT/4/07285  |

### Documentation gateway

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| Legislative proposal  | <a href="#">COM(1995)0467</a><br><a href="#">OJ C 336 14.12.1995, p. 0003</a>   | 12/10/1995 | EC | Summary |
| Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading | <a href="#">A4-0063/1996</a><br><a href="#">OJ C 096 01.04.1996, p. 0003</a>    | 27/02/1996 | EP |         |
| Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading          | T4-0155/1996<br><a href="#">OJ C 117 22.04.1996, p. 0031-0051</a>               | 28/03/1996 | EP | Summary |
| Follow-up document  | <a href="#">COM(2001)0308</a><br><a href="#">OJ C 270 25.09.2001, p. 0022 E</a> | 11/06/2001 | EC | Summary |

### Additional information

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

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| <a href="#">Regulation 1997/723</a><br><a href="#">OJ L 108 25.04.1997, p. 0006</a> Summary |
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## EAGGF Guarantee section, control of expenditure: member states' action programmes

OBJECTIVE: to finance the costs incurred by Member States on implementing action programmes to improve the structures of inspection services for EAGGF Guarantee Section expenditure or their effectiveness. SUBSTANCE: The proposal for a regulation stipulates that: - The Community should contribute towards the costs incurred by Member States on implementing action programmes to improve the structures of inspection services or their effectiveness; - The action programmes relate to the establishment or reorganisation of inspection services responsible for checking expenditure under the EAGGF Guarantee Section; - The Member States shall submit to the Commission, by 1 July of the calendar year before the programmes are implemented, the action programmes requiring funding; - The programmes may be multiannual and shall assess each year, if necessary, the current situation, the objectives to be met and the measures to be undertaken; - After consulting the Fund Committee, the Commission shall, for each annual instalment for an action programme and taking account of the need for the actions proposed by the Member State, the difficulties it may encounter in financing them together with the progress of the action programme, set the rate of the Community financial contribution and the maximum amount of such contribution having regard to the appropriations available (it may be possible to charge the entirety of national expenditure to the Community budget); - The financing provided for in the regulation may not be granted at the same time as other Community financing; - Amounts expressed in ecus and in national currency shall be converted using the exchange rate in force on the first working day of the calendar year during which the annual programme concerned begins. ?

## EAGGF Guarantee section, control of expenditure: member states' action programmes

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The Committee unanimously adopted the report by Mr Salvador GARRIGA POLLEDO (EPP, E) relating to the implementation of Member States' action programmes on control of EAGGF Guarantee Section expenditure. The Committee on Budgetary Control recommended that plenary approve the Commission's new approach whereby most of the funds would be used to finance proposals likely to enhance the range and quality of fraud prevention measures. The Committee suggested in particular that the Community's financial contribution should not exceed 80%. Finally, the Committee called on the Commission to report to Parliament and the Council on the implementation of the regulation at the end of its second year in force. ?

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By adopting the report by Mr Salvador Garriga Polledo (PPE, E), Parliament endorsed the Commission proposal on the implementation of Member States' action programmes on control of EAGGF Guarantee Section expenditure. The EP supports the Commission's new approach whereby most of the funds will be used to finance proposals likely to enhance the range and quality of fraud prevention measures. It is suggesting, for example, that the Community financial contribution should not exceed 80%. Multi-annual or innovative programmes, those aimed at providing better training and information for inspectors, and programmes designed to intensify the exchange of information and cooperation among Member States should be treated as the priorities. Lastly, the EP is calling on the Commission to report to the EP and the Council on the implementation of the Regulation, in the first instance at the end of its second year in force. ?

## EAGGF Guarantee section, control of expenditure: member states' action programmes

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**OBJECTIVE:** to finance the expenditure incurred by Member States in implementing action programmes aimed at improving the organization or effectiveness of checks on EAGGF Guarantee Section expenditure. **COMMUNITY MEASURE:** Council Regulation (EC) No 723/97 on the implementation of Member States' action programmes on control of EAGGF Guarantee Section expenditure. **SUBSTANCE:** under the Regulation, the Community is to contribute part of the cost of new action programmes, multi-annual or otherwise, designed to alter or improve the Member States' monitoring machinery, without exceeding the annual appropriations approved by the budgetary authority (estimated at ECU 15 m a year for five years beginning in 1997). The measures to be implemented may relate to the initial costs incurred in setting up monitoring departments or to the reorganization of those departments, including the redeployment, recruitment, or travel of inspectors, the purchase or rental of equipment necessary to carry out checks, the organization of training periods and information exercises, or any other appropriate activity. The rate of the Community contribution is equal to 50% of the payments made by Member States in connection with the financial year concerned. The Commission will make its first report to the Council on the implementation of the Regulation at the end of its fifth year in force. **ENTRY INTO FORCE:** 02/05/1997. ?

## EAGGF Guarantee section, control of expenditure: member states' action programmes

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The Commission has presented a report on the utilisation (1997-2000) of Council Regulation 723/97/EC on implementation of Member States' action programmes on policing of EAGGF Guarantee Section expenditure. This report states that more than half (56%) of total programme expenditure for 1997 to 1999 went on purchase or hire of computer equipment/facilities and installation of heavy computer systems, primarily for creation of the national databases for identification and registration of bovines required under Regulation 820/97/EC, the basis for the majority of programmes part-financed from 1997 to 2000. Around 1% of expenditure was on training. Four Member States (Germany, the Netherlands, Portugal and Greece) clearly stated that Community part-financing was absolutely essential to their programmes. The other Member States were either against extending the term of validity of the Regulation (Sweden) or thought their programmes could have been run using national resources alone (Austria, Denmark, Finland, Ireland, Luxembourg and the United Kingdom). The common position of Belgium, France, Spain is less distinct in that they consider that had the programmes been financed purely nationally it would have been more difficult to operate them for the deadline set by the Community Regulations. But all Member States replying to the questionnaire agreed, even though they could not back up their opinion by a cost-benefit analysis of the action part-financed, that the programmes had boosted the effectiveness of their policing.?