

Procedure file

| Basic information | | |
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| SYN - Cooperation procedure (historic) | 1996/0028(SYN) | Procedure completed |
| Special system of assistance to traditional ACP suppliers of bananas: continuation | | |
| Amending Regulation (EC) No 2686/94 1994/0147(SYN) | | |
| Subject | | |
| 3.10.06.01 Fruit, citrus fruits | | |
| 6.30.02 Financial and technical cooperation and assistance | | |
| Geographical area | | |
| ACP countries | | |

| Key players | | | |
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| European Parliament | Committee responsible | Rapporteur | Appointed |
| | DEVE Development and Cooperation | | 22/02/1996 |
| | | ARE CASTAGNÈDE Bernard | |
| | Former committee responsible | | |
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| | | ARE CASTAGNÈDE Bernard | |
| | Former committee for opinion | | |
| | AGRI Agriculture and Rural Development | | |
| | BUDG Budgets | | |
| Council of the European Union | Council configuration | Meeting | Date |
| | Telecommunications | 1972 | 28/11/1996 |
| | Agriculture and Fisheries | 1944 | 22/07/1996 |
| | Agriculture and Fisheries | 1918 | 30/04/1996 |

| Key events | | | |
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| 01/02/1996 | Legislative proposal published | COM(1996)0033 | Summary |
| 27/03/1996 | Committee referral announced in Parliament | | |
| 29/05/1996 | Vote in committee | | Summary |
| 29/05/1996 | Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading | A4-0182/1996 | |
| 21/06/1996 | Debate in Parliament |  | Summary |
| 21/06/1996 | Decision by Parliament | T4-0373/1996 | Summary |

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| 24/09/1996 | Council position published | 05114/1/1996 | Summary |
| 24/10/1996 | Committee referral announced in Parliament, 2nd reading | | |
| 28/10/1996 | Vote in committee, 2nd reading | | |
| 13/11/1996 | Decision by Parliament, 2nd reading | T4-0581/1996 | Summary |
| 28/11/1996 | Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament | | Summary |
| 28/11/1996 | End of procedure in Parliament | | |
| 05/12/1996 | Final act published in Official Journal | | |

Technical information

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| Procedure reference | 1996/0028(SYN) |
| Procedure type | SYN - Cooperation procedure (historic) |
| Procedure subtype | Legislation |
| | Amending Regulation (EC) No 2686/94 1994/0147(SYN) |
| Legal basis | EC before Amsterdam E 130W; Rules of Procedure EP 163; Rules of Procedure EP 66_o-p4 |
| Stage reached in procedure | Procedure completed |
| Committee dossier | DEVE/4/08136 |

Documentation gateway

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| Legislative proposal | COM(1996)0033 OJ C 092 28.03.1996, p. 0016 | 01/02/1996 | EC | Summary |
| Economic and Social Committee: opinion, report | CES0535/1996 OJ C 204 15.07.1996, p. 0037 | 24/04/1996 | ESC | Summary |
| Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading | A4-0182/1996 OJ C 198 08.07.1996, p. 0004 | 29/05/1996 | EP | |
| Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading | T4-0373/1996 OJ C 198 08.07.1996, p. 0240-0260 | 21/06/1996 | EP | Summary |
| Council position | 05114/1/1996 OJ C 333 07.11.1996, p. 0001 | 24/09/1996 | CSL | Summary |
| Commission communication on Council's position | SEC(1996)1817 | 15/10/1996 | EC | Summary |
| Text adopted by Parliament, 2nd reading | T4-0581/1996 OJ C 362 02.12.1996, p. 0089-0100 | 13/11/1996 | EP | Summary |

Additional information

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| European Commission | EUR-Lex |
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Final act

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| Regulation 1996/2320 OJ L 316 05.12.1996, p. 0001 Summary |
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Special system of assistance to traditional ACP suppliers of bananas: continuation

OBJECTIVE: to extend the expiry date of Regulation EC No 2686/94 from 28 February to 31 December 1996. SUBSTANCE: application of Regulation No 2686/94/EC is extended for two reasons. . The regulation requires that income support be calculated each year for the previous year using statistics published by the Statistical Office of the European Communities and that income support be complementary to transfers under the export earnings stabilization system (Stabex). These statistics are not available until the second quarter of each year. . To allow a reasonable length of time for projects submitted under the regulation for technical and financial assistance to be prepared and considered for approval by the Commission. The amendment has no additional budgetary implications. ?

Special system of assistance to traditional ACP suppliers of bananas: continuation

The Committee endorses the Commission's proposal.?

Special system of assistance to traditional ACP suppliers of bananas: continuation

Adopting the report by Bernard CASTAGN?DE, the committee approved the proposal for a Council regulation continuing a special system of assistance to traditional ACP suppliers of bananas until 31 December 1996. This extension was needed because ACP income support is calculated each year for the preceding year on the basis of figures which are not published by Eurostat until the second quarter of each year. The rapporteur also called on the Union to maintain its obligations to ACP countries with regard to advantages on and access to the European Union market. He called on the Commission to take steps to provide all ACP suppliers of bananas with financial and technical assistance to permit them to adapt to changing market conditions and to grant compensation to producers seriously affected by the collapse in market prices.?

Special system of assistance to traditional ACP suppliers of bananas: continuation

The rapporteur, Mr Castagnède (ARE, F), summed up the problems being experienced by traditional ACP banana producers since EU enlargement increased the quota of free imports from certain third countries in Central America, whose products were marketed by American multinationals; this in turn had produced a market surplus and had caused prices to collapse. He therefore called for the special arrangements for technical and financial assistance to the countries affected to be extended until the end of the year. Commissioner Wulf-Mathies agreed that the regulation on financial aid should be extended as a matter of some urgency and at the same time rejected those amendments that could delay the implementation of the scheme for the provision of assistance to the ACP countries concerned.

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In adopting the report by Mr CASTAGNEDE (ARE, F), Parliament approved the proposal for a regulation without amendment. ?

Special system of assistance to traditional ACP suppliers of bananas: continuation

The common position reproduces the content of the Commission's proposal, the purpose of which is to extend the expiry date of Regulation 2686/94/EEC retroactively from 29 February 1996 to 31 December 1996. However, the Council has modified the proposal for the simple reason that it is not legally possible to prolong a regulation that has already expired, as would have been the case with the present regulation. The Council has therefore decided to adopt a new regulation with the same text as the expired regulation except for the changed dates of application. ?

Special system of assistance to traditional ACP suppliers of bananas: continuation

The Commission unreservedly supported the Council's common position. ?

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Parliament approved the common position. ?

Special system of assistance to traditional ACP suppliers of bananas: continuation

The Council adopted the regulation amending regulation 2686/94/EEC prolonging the special system of assistance to traditional suppliers of bananas.

Special system of assistance to traditional ACP suppliers of bananas: continuation

OBJECTIVE: the postponement of the date of expiry of Regulation 2686/94/EC from 28 February 1996 to 31 December 1996. COMMUNITY MEASURE: Council Regulation 2320/96/EC continuing a special system of assistance to traditional ACP suppliers of bananas established by Regulation 2686/94/EC. SUBSTANCE: Regulation 2686/94/EC is extended until 31 December 1996 in place of 28 February 1996. This requires that the income support is calculated each year for the preceding year on the basis of figures published by Eurostat in the second quarter of each year. This deadline is thus too short in 1996 given the initial expiry date of the regulation. Thus with the adoption of this regulation a reasonable period is created to allow the drawing up and submission of projects to the Commission under this regulation. At the same time the new regulation does not simply extend the date of expiry of Regulation 2686/94/EC but also submits a consolidated text for reasons of legal coherence. Apart from its period of validity the new regulation is, however, identical to Regulation 2686/94/EC which has expired. ENTRY INTO FORCE: 05.12.1996 APPLICABLE: 29.02.1996 to 31.12.1996 ?