

# Procedure file

Basic information	
CNS - Consultation procedure Regulation	1996/0044(CNS)
Procedure completed	
Improvement of the efficiency of agricultural structures (consolidation of Objective 5A of the Structural Funds)	
Amended by <a href="#">1998/0264(CNS)</a>	
Subject 3.10.01 Agricultural structures and holdings, farmers	

Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
	<b>AGRI</b> Agriculture and Rural Development	PPE <a href="#">REDONDO JIMÉNEZ Encarnación</a>	03/10/1996
Council of the European Union	Council configuration	Meeting	Date
	<a href="#">Agriculture and Fisheries</a>	<a href="#">2006</a>	20/05/1997

Key events			
26/02/1996	Legislative proposal published	COM(1996)0058	Summary
18/04/1996	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
16/04/1997	Vote in committee		Summary
16/04/1997	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	<a href="#">A4-0132/1997</a>	
13/05/1997	Debate in Parliament		
13/05/1997	Decision by Parliament	T4-0220/1997	Summary
20/05/1997	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		
20/05/1997	End of procedure in Parliament		
02/06/1997	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information	
Procedure reference	1996/0044(CNS)
Procedure type	CNS - Consultation procedure

Procedure subtype	Codification
Legislative instrument	Regulation
	Amended by <a href="#">1998/0264(CNS)</a>
Legal basis	EC before Amsterdam E 043
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed

### Documentation gateway

Legislative proposal		COM(1996)0058	26/02/1996	EC	Summary
Economic and Social Committee: opinion, report		<a href="#">CES0536/1996</a> <a href="#">OJ C 204 15.07.1996, p. 0038</a>	24/04/1996	ESC	Summary
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		<a href="#">A4-0132/1997</a> <a href="#">OJ C 150 19.05.1997, p. 0002</a>	16/04/1997	EP	
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		T4-0220/1997 <a href="#">OJ C 167 02.06.1997, p. 0015-0025</a>	13/05/1997	EP	Summary

### Additional information

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

[Regulation 1997/950](#)  
[OJ L 142 02.06.1997, p. 0001](#) Summary

## Improvement of the efficiency of agricultural structures (consolidation of Objective 5A of the Structural Funds)

OBJECTIVE: Consolidation of Objective 5(a) of the structural funds on the adjustment of agricultural structures throughout the Community. A clear presentation of the rules governing agricultural structures will enable potential beneficiaries to check the usefulness and relevance of the available opportunities with a view to making an application and following through to implementation. SUBSTANCE: The proposal for consolidation comprises an updating of the original legal texts by incorporating their successive amendments and by introducing certain elements of simplification and clarity, notably: - The incorporation into the text of Regulation (EEC) No 2328/91 of the articles still in force of Council Directive 75/268/EEC on mountain and hill farming in certain less-favoured areas; - the removal to an annex of rates of aid established in Regulation (EEC) No 2328/91 in order to facilitate future updating. ?

## Improvement of the efficiency of agricultural structures (consolidation of Objective 5A of the Structural Funds)

By adopting the report by Mrs Encarnación Redondo Jiménez (PPE, E), Parliament approved three proposals seeking to consolidate the Council Regulations under Objective 5(a) of the Structural Funds on: improving the efficiency of agricultural structures; improving the processing and marketing conditions for agricultural products; and producer groups and associations thereof. Parliament noted, however, that the Commission proposals amounted to more than just consolidation, since the provisions in question had in fact been recast. It consequently called for: - the definition of 'direct sale of farm products' to be improved; - the saving of water as well as energy to be included among the conditions of eligibility for investment aid for farm improvements; - aid for improving living and working conditions to be confined to aspects directly related to the activities carried out on the farm; - the exclusion from aid to be waived in the case of extensive pig-farming of 'mountain breeds'. ?

## Improvement of the efficiency of agricultural structures (consolidation of Objective 5A of the Structural Funds)

OBJECTIVE: consolidation of Objective 5a of the Structural Funds on the adjustment of agricultural structures in the Community. COMMUNITY MEASURE: Council Regulation (EC) No 950/97 on improving the efficiency of agricultural structures. SUBSTANCE: the Regulation comprises a reworking of the regulations currently in force on improving the efficiency of agricultural structures. It contains no

amendments of substance. ENTRY INTO FORCE: 09/06/1997 ?