


Procedure file

Basic information		
CNS - Consultation procedure Regulation	1996/0905(CNS)	Procedure completed
Agricultural prices 1996/1997: system of aid for cotton		
Subject 3.10.06.05 Textile plants, cotton		

Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
	AGRI Agriculture and Rural Development		31/10/1995
		UPE SANTINI Giacomo	
	Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
	BUDG Budgets		19/03/1996
		UPE GIANSILY Jean-Antoine	
	RELA External Economic Relations		
	ENVI Environment, Public Health and Consumer Protection		
Council of the European Union	Council configuration	Meeting	Date
	Agriculture and Fisheries	1944	24/07/1996

Key events			
14/02/1996	Legislative proposal published	COM(1996)0044	Summary
15/04/1996	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
23/04/1996	Vote in committee		Summary
23/04/1996	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A4-0117/1996	
22/05/1996	Debate in Parliament		
23/05/1996	Decision by Parliament	T4-0257/1996	Summary
10/06/1996	Vote in committee		Summary
30/07/1996	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		
30/07/1996	End of procedure in Parliament		
16/08/1996	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information	
Procedure reference	1996/0905(CNS)
Procedure type	CNS - Consultation procedure
Procedure subtype	Legislation
Legislative instrument	Regulation
Legal basis	EC before Amsterdam E 000
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed

Documentation gateway					
Legislative proposal		COM(1996)0044	14/02/1996	EC	Summary
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		A4-0117/1996 OJ C 152 27.05.1996, p. 0003	23/04/1996	EP	
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		T4-0257/1996 OJ C 166 10.06.1996, p. 0130-0153	23/05/1996	EP	Summary

Final act	
Regulation 1996/1584 OJ L 206 16.08.1996, p. 0016 Summary	

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Agricultural prices and related measures 1996/97 - Cotton. The cotton regime was reformed last year and so no major changes are proposed: the prices, the NGQ for each Member State and thus the MGQ were all fixed for a five-year period. The Commission nevertheless proposes to amend the basic Council Regulation (95/1554/EC) in order to provide for a variable amount of advance. This advance will be based on the difference between a provisional estimate of the target price and the observed daily world price. The provisional estimate of the target price will correspond to the target price reduced by a provisional abatement. This will result from any application of the MGQ stabilizers which production forecasts indicate will be necessary. For these purposes these production forecasts will be inflated by 15% in order to provide a safety margin to ensure that aid advance payments do not exceed final aid payments. The final payment, to be made as soon as final production figures are available, will thus become a flat-rate sum equal to the difference between the provisional abatement and its definitive level. Moreover, to simplify management of the regime, the Commission proposes to provide that the demand for aid must be lodged on the same day as the cotton is placed in supervised storage. ?

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Adopting the report by Mr Giacomo SANTINI (UPE, I), Parliament thought that the present rules for lodging applications should be left unchanged, since reforms to the cotton sector had been introduced recently. Also, according to the EP, estimates of ginned cotton production should be increased by 8% (instead of 15%) as a safety margin to ensure that advances on aid do not exceed the final amount of the aid paid. ?

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Agricultural prices and related measures (1996-97) - Cotton COMMUNITY MEASURE: Council Regulation (EC) No 1584/96 amending Regulation (EC) No 1554/95 laying down the general rules for the system of aid for cotton. SUBSTANCE: - withdrawal of the possibility of aid being fixed in advance; - granting of an advance on aid whose variable level is based, on the one hand, on the guide price fixed at ECU 106.30/100 kg of ginned cotton and its abatement resulting, on the one hand, from the difference between the estimated production of each Member State, increased by 15%, and its threshold level and, on the other hand, from the world market price for ginned cotton. The result of this is a fixed balance for all the producers of the Member State concerned. ENTRY INTO FORCE: 19 August 1996. ?