


Procedure file

Basic information		
CNS - Consultation procedure Regulation	1996/0185(CNS)	Procedure completed
Forests: protection against atmospheric pollution (amend. regul. 3528/86/EEC)		
Subject 3.10.11 Forestry policy 3.70.02 Atmospheric pollution, motor vehicle pollution		

Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
	ENVI Environment, Public Health and Consumer Protection		30/10/1996
		PSE COLLINS Kenneth D.	
	Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
	AGRI Agriculture and Rural Development		03/09/1996
		ARE WEBER Jup	
	BUDG Budgets		04/09/1996
		PSE TRAUTMANN Catherine	
	JURI Legal Affairs, Citizens' Rights		19/12/1996
		PSE GEBHARDT Evelyne	
	REGI Regional Policy	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
Council of the European Union	Council configuration	Meeting	Date
	Agriculture and Fisheries	1988	17/02/1997

Key events			
10/07/1996	Additional information		Summary
16/07/1996	Legislative proposal published	COM(1996)0341	Summary
16/09/1996	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
17/12/1996	Vote in committee		Summary
17/12/1996	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A4-0417/1996	
16/01/1997	Debate in Parliament		Summary
	Decision by Parliament		Summary

17/01/1997		T4-0017/1997	
17/02/1997	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		
17/02/1997	End of procedure in Parliament		
21/02/1997	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information

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Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed

Documentation gateway

Legislative proposal		COM(1996)0341	16/07/1996	EC	Summary
Economic and Social Committee: opinion, report		CES1402/1996 OJ C 066 03.03.1997, p. 0076	27/11/1996	ESC	Summary
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		A4-0417/1996 OJ C 033 03.02.1997, p. 0023	17/12/1996	EP	
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		T4-0017/1997 OJ C 033 03.02.1997, p. 0112-0117	17/01/1997	EP	Summary

Additional information

European Commission	EUR-Lex
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Final act

Regulation 1997/307 OJ L 051 21.02.1997, p. 0009 Summary

Forests: protection against atmospheric pollution (amend. regul. 3528/86/EEC)

PREVIOUS COMMUNITY LEGISLATION: Council Regulation (EEC) No. 3528/86 of 17 November 1986 on the protection of the Community's forests against atmospheric pollution, extended for a further five years in 1992 by Council Regulation (EEC) No. 2157/92 of 23 July 1992 which expires on 31 December 1996. (b) Council Regulation (EEC) No. 3529 of 21 November 1986 extended and strengthened by Regulation 2158/92 on protection of the Community's forests against fire which expires on 31 December 1996. PREVIOUS POSITION OF EP: (a) Legislative resolution A3-0223/92 (OJ C 241, 21.9.1992) embodying the EP's opinion of the Commission proposal to the Council (COM(91)431 final) for a regulation amending Regulation (EEC) No. 3528/86 on protecting the Community's forests against atmospheric pollution. VALVERDE LOPEZ report A3-0223/92 of 18 June 1992. (b) Legislative resolution A3-0242/92 (OJ C 241, 21.9.1992) embodying the EP's opinion of the Commission proposal to the Council (COM(91)431 final) on a regulation on protection of the Community's forests against fire. DE LOS SANTOS LOPEZ report A3-0242/92 of 29 June 1992. Generally speaking, the EP, as evidenced by the reports and resolutions aforementioned, approved the Commission's proposals on protection of forests, but criticized the financial arrangements proposed by the Commission, viewing them as a bare minimum for atmospheric pollution and inadequate for fire-prevention. Furthermore, in the case of protection of forests against fire, the Council took no account of Parliament's proposed amendments and actually reduced the funding. SITUATION IN THE MEMBER STATES: (a) The aim is to protect the Community's forests against atmospheric pollution. Damage to forests is, essentially, the result of air pollution caused by large industrial complexes and unfavourable meteorological conditions. The combined action of the biotic disturbance caused by these two factors results in defoliation and the discolouration of leaves. Under Regulation (EC) No. 3528/86, amended by Regulation (EEC) No. 2157/92, a system of monitoring of forest condition has been established, composed of large-scale periodic inventories, intensive monitoring of forest ecosystems and pilot projects and experiments in the field. From 1987 to 1996, the Community helped the Member States to implement this action, co-funding over 430 projects, with aid totalling ECU 42 million. (b) The aim of Community

action on the protection of forests against fire is to help Member States to prevent forest fires, which principally affect the EU's southern Member States, where some 500 000 hectares are ravaged every year. Regulation 2158/92/EEC provides for: - concentrating Community preventive measures in areas at risk from fire, - asking Member States to submit to the Commission their overall forest-fire protection plans, and reserving Community financing to projects provided for in the plans, - creating a Community system of information on forest fires. Over the five years of implementation, a total of ECU 63 million has been granted to 480 fire-prevention projects forming part of overall protection plans.

Forests: protection against atmospheric pollution (amend. regul. 3528/86/EEC)

OBJECTIVE: extension of the Community scheme on the protection of the Community's forests against atmospheric pollution, established by the Council in 1986 (Council Regulation (EEC) No 3528/86). **SUBSTANCE:** in order to continue the observations which have started on the Community networks, to allow the completion of the intensive forest ecosystems monitoring network, and the full implementation of all agreed common monitoring activities on this network, to evaluate the monitoring results obtained from the two networks, and to derive the necessary conclusions and recommendations for the future protection and management of European forests, it is proposed that the existing scheme be extended for a further five years (1997-2001). The amount deemed necessary for implementation of the scheme is ECU 40 m for the period 1997 - 2001. ?

Forests: protection against atmospheric pollution (amend. regul. 3528/86/EEC)

The rapporteur, Mr Collins (PSE, UK), welcomed the Commission's proposals aimed at extending the two regulations on the protection of forests against atmospheric pollution and fire. However, unlike the Commission, which wanted to include budgetary provisions within the proposals, the rapporteur called for the financial provisions of the proposals to be aligned with the Interinstitutional Agreement of 1995 and with the Community's financial perspectives. Recalling the Rio commitments to ensure the sustainable development of forests, Commissioner Flynn analysed the amendments common to both proposals. As regards the legal basis of Article 43 (Amendments Nos 1 and 9), the Commissioner considered that it was not necessary to amend this in the two proposals. As for Amendments Nos 2, 3, 4, 7, 10, 12, 13 and 16, these could also not be taken over as, according to Mr Flynn, the two regulations had been revised in light of the March 1995 Interinstitutional Agreement. The same applied for Amendments Nos 5, 6, 14 and 15 which concerned advertising the work reports, without taking into account the fact that Parliament and the Commission had already come to an agreement on this. Amendments Nos 8 and 17 no longer had any rational basis because periodic reports on forest health status and details on forest fires were published regularly. As regards atmospheric pollution in particular, Amendments Nos 22, 25, 26 and 28 were superfluous because they referred to an action whose systems were already established at national, Community and international levels.

Forests: protection against atmospheric pollution (amend. regul. 3528/86/EEC)

In adopting the report by Mr Kenneth D. COLLINS (PSE, UK), Parliament accepted the extension of two Regulations on the protection of the Community's forests against atmospheric pollution and against fire. These seek to extend for a five-year period (1997-2001) the current protection measures including the collection and analysis of data. The proposal for a Council Regulation amending Regulation (EEC) No 2158/92 on protection of the Community's forests against fire involves a total budget of ECU 70 m, while the Regulation amending Regulation (EEC) No 3528/86 on protection of the Community's forests against atmospheric pollution involves ECU 40 m. Parliament proposed: - aligning the financial provisions of the proposals on the inter-institutional financial agreement and on the financial perspective of the Community (ceiling on expenditure); - replacing the proposed management committees with advisory committees (which would reduce the Council's influence) and establishing a scientific committee to evaluate the results obtained by the measure; - extending the legal basis of the proposals so as to include Article 130s(1) of the EU Treaty, which would reinforce the role of Parliament; - that the Commission submit to Parliament and the Council a progress report on the area covered by the Regulation and that it submit, before the end of 1999, a report on the impact of the measures planned in implementation of the programme as regards the ecological, economic and social aspects. ?

Forests: protection against atmospheric pollution (amend. regul. 3528/86/EEC)

OBJECTIVE: to extend the Community scheme for the protection of the Community's forests against atmospheric pollution which were started by the Council in 1986 (Regulation 3528/86/EEC). **COMMUNITY MEASURE:** Council Regulation 307/97/EC amending Regulation (EEC) No 3528/86 on the protection of the Community's forests against atmospheric pollution. **SUBSTANCE:** the current scheme provided for by Regulation (EEC) No 3528/86 is extended for five further years (1997-2001) with a view to - continuing the monitoring started with the Community networks, - allowing completion of the network of intensive monitoring of forest ecosystems and the full implementation of the joint monitoring activities with regard to the network, - assessing the monitoring results obtained through this network and drawing from that assessment the conclusions and recommendations needed for the protection and future management of European forests. The financial reference amount for the implementation of the scheme is ECU 40 million for the period 1997 to 2001. **ENTRY INTO FORCE:** 22/02/1997 ?