

Procedure file

Basic information		
CNS - Consultation procedure Regulation	1996/0186(CNS)	Procedure completed
Forests: protection against fire (amend. regul. 2158/92/EEC)		
Subject 3.10.11 Forestry policy		

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	
Council of the European Union	BUDG Budgets		
	JURI Legal Affairs, Citizens' Rights		
	REGI Regional Policy	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
	Council configuration	Meeting	Date
	Agriculture and Fisheries	1988	17/02/1997

Key events			
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	
17/01/1997	Decision by Parliament	T4-0018/1997	Summary
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

Procedure reference	1996/0186(CNS)
Procedure type	CNS - Consultation procedure
Procedure subtype	Legislation
Legislative instrument	Regulation
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Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	ENVI/4/08237

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		T4-0018/1997 OJ C 033 03.02.1997, p. 0112-0121	17/01/1997	EP	Summary

Additional information

European Commission	EUR-Lex
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Final act

Regulation 1997/308 OJ L 051 21.02.1997, p. 0011 Summary

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OBJECTIVE: extension of Community measures to protect forests against fire, which expire on 31 December 1996. SUBSTANCE: the Commission proposes that Regulation (EEC) No 2158/92 be extended for a further five years (1997-2001) with a view to pursuing the measures to improve forest-fire prevention and monitoring systems and to better combating the causes of fire. The amount deemed necessary for implementation of the measures is ECU 70 m for the period 1997-2001. ?

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The Committee endorses the two proposals for Regulations, subject to a number of observations. The Committee draws attention in particular to the fact that it is essential to prolong the period of application of the two Regulations if the underlying objectives are to be reached. There is a need to take account of the long-term nature of the forest life cycle, particularly as regards the objectives of the Regulation on the protection of forests against atmospheric pollution. In the Committee's view the EU measures to protect forests against atmospheric pollution accord with the EU's agricultural policy objectives and the objectives of the 1993 Fifth Community Programme of Policy and Action in relation to the Environment and Sustainable Development. The Committee welcomes the fact that support for the member states in the field of fire-protection measures is concentrated on at-risk areas and the fact that in future EU cooperation with a view to improving fire- protection systems is to be promoted by extending the information system. The information system is also of considerable importance in the fields of monitoring and research. The Committee is also pleased to note (a) the coordinating role which the Standing Committee on Forestry plays at both EU and world levels and (b) the planned establishment in DG VI of the Advisory Committee on Forestry which will be able to provide vertical channels of information between regions, member states and the Commission. ?

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The Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Consumer Protection (chairman: Mr Kenneth COLLINS (PSE, UK)), accepted the extension of the regulations on the protection of forests against atmospheric pollution and against fire. Amendments were adopted without objection from the European Commission. They propose: - aligning the financial provisions of the proposals on the interinstitutional 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); - extending the legal basis of the proposals so as to include Article 130 S(1) of the EU Treaty, which would reinforce the role of Parliament. The Commission proposal seeks to extend for a five-year period (1997-2001), the current protection measures including collection and analysis of data. The proposal for a regulation amending Regulation (EEC) No 2158/92 on the protection against fire involves a total budget of ECU 70 million, whereas the proposal for a regulation amending Regulation (EEC) No 3528/86 on protection against atmospheric pollution involves ECU 40 million.?

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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. ?

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OBJECTIVE: to extend the Community scheme for the protection of forests against fire. COMMUNITY MEASURE: Council Regulation 308/97/EC amending Regulation 2158/92/EEC on protection of the Community's forests against fire. SUBSTANCE: the scheme as provided for by Regulation 2158/92/EEC is extended for a further five year period (1997-2001) with a view to strengthening the consistency of forest measures financed in fire-risk zones, to improve prevention and monitoring systems against forest fires and to reinforce the fight against the causes of fires. The financial reference amount for the implementation of the scheme is ECU 70 million for the period 1997-2001. ENTRY INTO FORCE: 22/02/1997 ?