

Procedure file

Basic information		
CNS - Consultation procedure Regulation	1996/0213(CNS)	Procedure lapsed or withdrawn
Improving the efficiency of agricultural structures		
Subject 3.10.01 Agricultural structures and holdings, farmers		

Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
	AGRI Agriculture and Rural Development	PPE FUNK Honor	03/09/1996
	Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
	BUDG Budgets	PSE KATIFORIS Giorgos	20/03/1997
Council of the European Union	Council configuration	Meeting	Date
	Agriculture and Fisheries	1959	28/10/1996
	Agriculture and Fisheries	1946	17/09/1996

Key events			
30/07/1996	Legislative proposal published	COM(1996)0422	Summary
04/09/1996	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
17/09/1996	Debate in Council	1946	Summary
28/10/1996	Debate in Council	1959	
21/05/1997	Vote in committee		Summary
21/05/1997	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A4-0176/1997	
12/06/1997	Decision by Parliament	T4-0310/1997	Summary
05/02/1998	End of procedure in Parliament		

Technical information	
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Procedure type	CNS - Consultation procedure

Procedure subtype	Legislation
Legislative instrument	Regulation
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Stage reached in procedure	Procedure lapsed or withdrawn
Committee dossier	AGRI/4/08143

Documentation gateway

Legislative proposal		COM(1996)0422	30/07/1996	EC	Summary
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		A4-0176/1997 OJ C 200 30.06.1997, p. 0003	21/05/1997	EP	
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		T4-0310/1997 OJ C 200 30.06.1997, p. 0094-0130	12/06/1997	EP	Summary

Additional information

European Commission	EUR-Lex
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OBJECTIVE: given the seriousness of the situation on the beef and veal market, the proposal amends the eligibility conditions for the grant of investment aid and aid for the installation of young farmers in the beef sector and for the grant of compensatory allowances for the less-favoured areas referred to in Directive 75/268/EEC. **SUBSTANCE:** it is proposed that the measures to restore market equilibrium should be accompanied by corresponding action regarding the structural measures provided for in Regulation (EEC) No 2328/91. In particular, the sectoral restrictions on investment aid in the beef sector must be redefined, the same conditions should be applied to setting-up aid for young farmers and the maximum density at which compensatory allowances can be granted should be reduced to 1.2 LU/ha so that they go only to extensive holdings. ?

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While awaiting Parliament's opinion, the Council held an initial debate on the matter in question on the basis of preparatory work undertaken by the Special Committee on Agriculture. The Council debates served to highlight the wide range of views held on each of the Commission's proposals. However, it was also possible to identify areas of agreement and a number of convergent positions. In this respect: - there was agreement on the need for raising the intervention limits as a short-term measure; - there was also broad support for the proposal on intervention for grazing animals; - several delegations were concerned about the Commission's proposal on the reduction of aid for arable crops and took the view that in any case such a reduction should be subject to a time limit, since the budget problem was too; - several Member States were of the opinion that the Commission's proposal, which sought to delay payments to the oilseed sector, would be an appropriate measure; - there was also broad support for introducing measures aimed at promoting beef consumption.

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The Committee adopted the report by Honor FUNK (EPP, D) (consultation procedure) concerning amendment of Regulation (EEC) No 1765/92 on certain arable crops. The committee rejected the reduction of aid proposed by the Commission and proposed that only that part of the advance payments that cannot be covered in the 1997 budget should be paid from 16 October 1997 and only if the appropriations available for financing the advance are not sufficient. ?

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By adopting the report by Mr Honor FUNK (PPE, D), the European Parliament rejected the proposal for the amendment of Regulation (EEC) No 2328/91 on improving the efficiency of agricultural structures. ?