


Procedure file

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A support system of producers of certain arable crops: durum wheat (amend. Regul. 1765/92/EEC)		
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Key players			
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	AGRI Agriculture and Rural Development		03/09/1996
		PSE BALDARELLI Francesco	
	Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
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	Agriculture and Fisheries	2045	17/11/1997
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Key events			
30/07/1996	Legislative proposal published	COM(1996)0361	Summary
20/09/1996	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
18/11/1996	Debate in Council	1963	Summary
27/05/1997	Vote in committee		Summary
27/05/1997	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A4-0189/1997	
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Additional information	
European Commission	EUR-Lex

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Regulation 1997/2309 OJ L 321 22.11.1997, p. 0003 Summary

A support system of producers of certain arable crops: durum wheat (amend. Regul. 1765/92/EEC)

OBJECTIVE: to amend Regulation (EEC) No 1765/92 to ensure a suitable balance between the supply of and demand for durum wheat at a reasonable cost by limiting the supplement to compensatory payments for durum wheat to a maximum area. SUBSTANCE: the measures envisaged should seek only to ensure the appropriate use of areas down to durum wheat. To this end, it is proposed: 1. that a maximum guaranteed area should be defined for each State, to be distributed, if need be, among the various traditional production zones eligible for the supplement to the compensatory payment (ECU 358.6/ha) and the zones eligible for the specific reduced aid (ECU 138.9/ha). It is proposed that the calculation of these maximum guaranteed areas should be based on the applications for aid submitted since the reform began, by reference to the best year for each Member State; 2. that the use of certified seed should be made compulsory (its progressive introduction over a period of three years being envisaged); 3. that measures should be taken to ensure production corresponding to the areas cultivated. ?

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Following the presentation of the Commission's proposal, which took place at the meeting on 16-17 September 1996, the Council held a debate on general objectives. During this discussion it became apparent that while a large majority of the delegations might accept the principle of introducing maximum guaranteed areas, differences existed as to the volume of MGAs to be held by each producer country in areas of traditional cultivation as well as in areas of non-traditional cultivation. The Council concluded the debate by asking the Special Committee on Agriculture to continue this work so that a ruling could be given on the matter as soon as Parliament's opinion was known.

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The committee unanimously adopted the report by Francesco BALDARELLI (PES, I) on the amendment of the regulation establishing a

support system for producers of durum wheat. This amendment was necessary to ensure adequate production to supply the user industries (pasta products and meal) and to cut budgetary expenditure. The Commission had proposed fixing a maximum guaranteed area by producer Member State entitled to the supplement to the compensatory payment. In view of the sharp fall in the rate of compulsory set-aside from 15% to 5%, the committee on agriculture believed there should be a 5% across-the-board increase in these guaranteed areas. Each Member State would create a 5% reserve to be used to provide incentives for young farmers wanting to set up as durum wheat producers. For Portugal, the report asked for a higher increase from the 35 000 ha proposed by the Commission to 90 000 ha since aid for durum wheat was only introduced for Portugal in 1991. Another proposal from the Commission was the compulsory use of certified seed. However, the committee on agriculture asked that small farmers be left the option of using non-certified seed in order to maintain biodiversity and proposed "incentives for the direct production of certified seed by producers' associations by means of funding for such a measure". ?

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By unanimously adopting the report by Mr Francesco BALDARELLI (PSE, I), the European Parliament amended the proposal for the amendment of Regulation (EEC) No 1765/92 on the support system for producers of durum wheat. Noting that the rate of compulsory set-aside has fallen substantially (from 15 to 5%), Parliament believes there should be a linear 5% increase in maximum guaranteed areas. Each Member State should establish a reserve of 5% to be used to encourage young farmers to become durum wheat producers. Parliament thus proposes a maximum guaranteed area of 626 850 ha for Greece (instead of the 597 000 ha proposed by the Commission), 199 500 ha for France (instead of 190 000), 1 690 500 ha for Italy (instead of 1 610 000) and 598 500 ha for Spain (instead of 570 000). In Portugal's case it calls for a greater increase (90 000 ha instead of the 35 000 ha proposed) since aid for durum wheat was not introduced in this country until 1991. Parliament also calls for small farmers to be left the option of using non-certified seed in order to maintain biodiversity and for incentives to be provided for the direct production of certified seed by producers' associations, by means of funding for such a measure. ?

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OBJECTIVE: to amend Regulation (EEC) No 1765/92 establishing a support system for producers of durum wheat. COMMUNITY MEASURE: Council Regulation (EC) No 2309/97 amending Regulation (EC) No 1765/92 establishing a support system for producers of certain arable crops. SUBSTANCE: following the political agreement of 20/21 October 1997, the Council adopted by a qualified majority (the Danish, Greek and Swedish delegations voting against) an amendment to the Regulation establishing a support system for producers of durum wheat. The aim of this amendment is to: - replace the system of national registers of production rights by a system of maximum guaranteed areas for each producer Member State; - require the use of certified seed; - introduce measures to ensure that production levels correspond to sown areas. ENTRY INTO FORCE: 25 November 1997. The Regulation is applicable as from the 1999/2000 marketing year. ?