

Procedure file

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EC staff regulation: adjustment of the daily subsistence allowance rates for officials on mission		
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Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
	BUDG Budgets	PSE TAPPIN Michael	29/10/1996
Council of the European Union			

Key events			
20/09/1996	Legislative proposal published	COM(1996)0451	Summary
23/10/1996	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
05/02/1997	Vote in committee		Summary
05/02/1997	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A4-0039/1997	
12/03/1997	Decision by Parliament	T4-0087/1997	Summary
31/07/1997	Modified legislative proposal published	COM(1997)0429	Summary
11/12/2001	End of procedure in Parliament		
11/12/2001	Additional information		Summary

Technical information	
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Procedure subtype	Legislation
Legislative instrument	Regulation
Legal basis	EC Treaty (after Amsterdam) EC 283
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure lapsed or withdrawn

Documentation gateway

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Additional information

European Commission	EUR-Lex
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OBJECTIVE: the proposed regulation seeks to revise the daily subsistence allowance rates for officials on mission within the European territory of the European Union. SUBSTANCE: the Commission proposes an early adjustment of daily allowance rates and the ceilings on the reimbursement of hotel expenses incurred on missions within the Member States, including the three new Member States. To ensure uniform application, the proposal takes as its point of departure the scale in force in the European Parliament in 1996 (since 1991 Parliament has made an annual adjustment based on the values for the previous year). The Commission also proposes the introduction of a system for the regular adjustment of the scales on the basis of trends in price indices in the hotel and catering sector as published by EUROSTAT and the exchange rates used for implementation of the EC's general budget. ?

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The Committee on Budgets unanimously adopted the draft resolution on the amendment of the articles of the Staff Regulations applicable to officials and other Community agents with regard to mission expenses. Although the committee considered that the amendments and addenda to the regulations in question were both relevant and essential, it hoped for the implementation of an active policy of rationalization of administrative expenditure by all the institutions. This could be achieved by adopting a series of specific measures for good financial management and, in particular, by requiring each institution to make an effective undertaking in the form of a programme of work when the estimates for the budgetary year in question were presented in order to ensure that the cost of mission expenses were kept under control.?

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In adopting the report by Mr Michael TAPPIN (PSE, UK) Parliament approved the amendment of the articles of the Staff Regulations applicable to officials of the Communities with regard to mission expenses. Parliament hoped for the implementation of an active policy of rationalization of administrative expenditure by all the institutions and considered that common criteria should be established for the provisions governing mission expenses. It also required that: - the budgetary authority must be informed of the annual adjustments in the documents accompanying the estimates of the institutions; - each institution must justify the overall budget adopted for mission expenses in its estimates on the basis of an annual programme of work and it must ensure the strict application of the principles of sound financial management and in particular economy and cost-effectiveness. ?

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The amended Commission proposal incorporates 6 of the amendments seeking to increase budgetary transparency and safeguard good financial management within the framework of institutional cooperation. However, the Commission rejected the amendment whereby the decision to amend allowances would rest with the budgetary authorities. ?

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The Directorates General or responsible departments have asked for this proposal to be withdrawn. The reasons are indicated as follows: A) for objective reasons (change of de facto situation, objectives already achieved by other means, etc) B) because the Commission has now adopted another approach : - the proposal is replaced implicitly, - a new proposal is in preparation, - no planned replacement. ?

