

# Procedure file

Basic information		
CNS - Consultation procedure Regulation	<a href="#">1998/0038(CNS)</a>	Procedure completed
Agricultural prices 1998/1999: aid for fibre flax, hemp and flax fibre		
Subject 3.10.06.05 Textile plants, cotton		

Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
	<b>AGRI</b> Agriculture and Rural Development		22/01/1998
		I-EDN <a href="#">DES PLACES Edouard C.M.P.</a>	
	Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
	<b>BUDG</b> Budgets		17/03/1998
		UPE <a href="#">GIAN SILY Jean-Antoine</a>	
	<b>RELA</b> External Economic Relations		23/04/1998
		PPE <a href="#">SONNEVELD Jan</a>	
	<b>ENVI</b> Environment, Public Health and Consumer Protection		
	<b>DEVE</b> Development and Cooperation		
Council of the European Union	Council configuration	Meeting	Date
	<a href="#">Agriculture and Fisheries</a>	<a href="#">2115</a>	20/07/1998
	<a href="#">Agriculture and Fisheries</a>	<a href="#">2110</a>	22/06/1998

Key events			
09/02/1998	Legislative proposal published	COM(1998)0051	Summary
09/03/1998	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
02/06/1998	Vote in committee		Summary
02/06/1998	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	<a href="#">A4-0216/1998</a>	
16/06/1998	Debate in Parliament		
16/06/1998	Decision by Parliament	T4-0339/1998	Summary
20/07/1998	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		

20/07/1998	End of procedure in Parliament		
28/07/1998	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information	
Procedure reference	1998/0038(CNS)
Procedure type	CNS - Consultation procedure
Procedure subtype	Legislation
Legislative instrument	Regulation
Legal basis	EC before Amsterdam E 000
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed

Documentation gateway					
Legislative proposal		COM(1998)0051	09/02/1998	EC	Summary
Economic and Social Committee: opinion, report		<a href="#">CES0636/1998</a> <a href="#">OJ C 214 10.07.1998, p. 0067</a>	29/04/1998	ESC	
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		<a href="#">A4-0216/1998</a> <a href="#">OJ C 210 06.07.1998, p. 0007</a>	02/06/1998	EP	
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		T4-0339/1998 <a href="#">OJ C 210 06.07.1998, p. 0021-0055</a>	16/06/1998	EP	Summary

Additional information	
European Commission	<a href="#">EUR-Lex</a>

Final act
<a href="#">Regulation 1998/1626</a> <a href="#">OJ L 210 28.07.1998, p. 0006</a> Summary

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Agricultural Prices 1998/99 - Flax and hemp - Fibre flax: The Commission recalls that, under the 1996/97 price proposal, it was proposed to amend Council Regulation (EEC) 1308/70 on the Common Market Organisation of flax and hemp. This proposal provides for the application of a Maximum Guaranteed Area for fibre flax and the introduction of a reduced aid where harvesting is done other than by the traditional method of pulling the whole plant. The Council should have decided before the end of 1996 on this proposal, which the Commission still considers necessary. Whilst awaiting future developments in this matter, the Commission proposes, for the 1998/99 marketing year, the same level of aid per ha, that is to say ECU 815,86. As, like last year, the reserve fund for financing promotional measures exceeds the needs of the 1998/99 marketing year, the Commission again proposes to fix the amount at 0 ECU per ha. - Hemp: While awaiting Commission proposals, and in view of the continuing significant expansion of the areas sown, the Commission proposes a reduction of the level of the aid per ha of 25%. The proposed level of aid is therefore ECU 537.47/ha. ?

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In adopting the report by Mr Edouard des PLACES (I-EDN, F), the European Parliament tabled only a few amendments to the Commission proposals concerning prices for agricultural products (1998- 1999). It calls for the creation of an adjustment coefficient for all CMOs in order to compensate for the possible disappearance of the green rate on 1 January 1999 for the Member States participating in the single currency. Parliament calls for proposals concerning the new flax promotion programme and ensure that new fibre flax varieties can be introduced without delay and can be included in the aid provisions. For hemp it calls for an increase to ECU 728.81/ha, while the Commission proposed that the present level be reduced by 25% (ECU 537.47 instead of ECU 716.63).?

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Agricultural prices 1998/1999 - Flax and hemp. COMMUNITY MEASURE: Council Regulation (EC) 1626/98 SUBSTANCE: - Flax: the amount of aid is set at ECU 815.86 per hectare, - Hemp: The Council decided to reduce the aid by 7.5%. The amount of aid is ECU 662.88 per hectare. - The amount of aid for flax to be used to finance the measures to promote the use of flax fibre is set at ECU 0 per hectare. ?