

Procedure file

Basic information	
CNS - Consultation procedure Regulation	1998/0310(CNS) Procedure completed
Citrus fruits: aid scheme for producers Amending Regulation (EC) No 2202/96 1996/0120(CNS)	
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Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
	AGRI Agriculture and Rural Development		14/12/1998
		GUE/NGL JOVÉ PERES Salvador	
	Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
	BUDG Budgets		08/12/1998
		PSE KATIFORIS Giorgos	
Council of the European Union	Council configuration	Meeting	Date
	Telecommunications	2172	22/04/1999

Key events			
11/11/1998	Legislative proposal published	COM(1998)0647	Summary
11/01/1999	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
29/03/1999	Vote in committee		Summary
29/03/1999	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A4-0164/1999	
14/04/1999	Decision by Parliament	T4-0297/1999	Summary
22/04/1999	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		
22/04/1999	End of procedure in Parliament		
27/04/1999	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information	
Procedure reference	1998/0310(CNS)

Procedure type	CNS - Consultation procedure
Procedure subtype	Legislation
Legislative instrument	Regulation
	Amending Regulation (EC) No 2202/96 1996/0120(CNS)
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Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	AGRI/4/10682

Documentation gateway

Legislative proposal		COM(1998)0647	11/11/1998	EC	Summary
Economic and Social Committee: opinion, report		CES0197/1999 OJ C 116 28.04.1999, p. 0034	24/02/1999	ESC	
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		A4-0164/1999 OJ C 219 30.07.1999, p. 0007	29/03/1999	EP	
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		T4-0297/1999 OJ C 219 30.07.1999, p. 0171-0208	14/04/1999	EP	Summary

Additional information

European Commission	EUR-Lex
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Final act

Regulation 1999/858 OJ L 108 27.04.1999, p. 0008 Summary

Citrus fruits: aid scheme for producers

OBJECTIVE: to amend Regulation (EC) No 2202/96 introducing a Community aid scheme for producers of certain citrus fruits (amendment to the system of penalising overruns). CONTENT: in implementing the conclusions of the Council of agricultural ministers held on 22-26 June 1998, it is proposed that the rules penalising overruns currently in force for other aid schemes also be applied to the aid scheme for citrus fruit (at the moment, the aid scheme for citrus fruits is the only one to impose penalties in the current marketing year, i.e. the year in which the overrun is established). Imposing penalties in the following marketing year will reduce current uncertainty as to the level of aid to be applied. ?

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The Committee has endorsed the Commission proposal to modify existing regulations on the common organisation of the market in fruit and vegetables. In his report, Salvador JOVÉ PERES (EUL/NGL, E) takes issue with the Commission's proposal, intended to take account of traditional local practice, to authorize farmers to sell some of the fruit and vegetables they produce directly to consumers, away from the farm, thereby bypassing the producer organizations. At present, direct sales, in limited quantities, are allowed only on the farm itself. Mr JOVÉ PERES fears that the Commission's proposal would undermine the producer organizations' main purpose, namely to market their members' produce. To strengthen their position, the Committee wants direct sales away from the farm limited to 20 per cent of production and direct sales on the farm limited to 10 per cent of production. The rapporteur also deletes the requirement inserted by the Commission that producer organisations provide financial estimates for monitoring compliance with plant-health rules, arguing that this task is outside their remit and would place them at a competitive disadvantage against operators in other sectors. ?

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Under consultation procedure, the European Parliament adopted the legislative resolution by Salvador Jové Peres (GUE/NGL,ES, which approves the Commission proposal for a Council regulation amending regulation 2202/96/EC introducing a Community aid scheme for producers of certain citrus fruits, subject to amendments in the following areas: - noting that there is a low rate of self-sufficiency in citrus fruit, particularly processed products such as juice and concentrates etc., which is increasing the European agricultural balance of trade deficit; -

noting that environmental restrictions and the impact of withdrawals on the amount of operational funds are limiting recourse to withdrawals and leaving a large margin between the commitment appropriations and payments allocated to withdrawals; - noting that the citrus fruit processing industry is being affected by a shortage of funding which may derive from environmental problems caused by deflection from processing of withdrawals; - noting that there is a margin for increasing the processing thresholds for citrus fruit while complying with budgetary neutrality for fruit and vegetables as a whole; - laying down processing thresholds of 600,000 tonnes for lemons, 6,000 tonnes for grapefruit, 1,665,000 tonnes for oranges and 339,000 tonnes for mandarins, clementines and satsumas; - providing that the reduction in aid shall in no case exceed 20%.?

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PURPOSE: amendment of the Community aid scheme for producers of certain citrus fruits. COMMUNITY MEASURE: Council Regulation 858/1999/EC amending Regulation 2202/96/EC introducing a Community aid scheme for producers of certain citrus fruits. CONTENT: This amendment is introduced to resolve some issues arising from the fact that Art. 5 of Regulation 2202/96/EC introduces processing thresholds the overrun of which is assessed using the average of the quantities processed under the aid scheme in the last three marketing years, including the current one. Because this system of calculation means that the amount of aid for a given marketing year cannot be known until after the marketing year in question, this situation causes problems for the management of producer organisations. It was therefore decided that the effects of an overrun should be postponed to the following marketing year. Account is also taken of the fact that certain products are processed during the whole of the marketing year for those products and that, in that case, observance of the processing threshold should be assessed over a period equivalent to three marketing years. This Regulation applies to the 1999/2000 marketing year. ENTRY INTO FORCE: 27.04.1999.?