

Procedure file

Basic information		
CNS - Consultation procedure Regulation	1999/0035(CNS)	Procedure completed
Agricultural prices 1999/2000 : aid for seeds (amend. regul. 2358/71/EEC)		
Subject 3.10.06 Crop products in general, floriculture 3.10.14 Support for producers and premiums		

Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
	AGRI Agriculture and Rural Development		14/12/1998
		PSE HAPPART José H.G.	
	Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
	BUDG Budgets		09/03/1999
		PSE KATIFORIS Giorgos	
	RELA External Economic Relations		
	ENVI Environment, Public Health and Consumer Protection	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
Council of the European Union	Council configuration	Meeting	Date
	Environment	2194	24/06/1999
	Agriculture and Fisheries	2190	14/06/1999

Key events			
08/02/1999	Legislative proposal published	COM(1999)0038	Summary
12/03/1999	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
29/03/1999	Vote in committee		Summary
29/03/1999	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A4-0168/1999	
14/04/1999	Decision by Parliament	T4-0291/1999	Summary
24/06/1999	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		
24/06/1999	End of procedure in Parliament		
30/06/1999	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information	
Procedure reference	1999/0035(CNS)
Procedure type	CNS - Consultation procedure
Procedure subtype	Legislation
Legislative instrument	Regulation
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Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed

Documentation gateway

Legislative proposal		COM(1999)0038	08/02/1999	EC	Summary
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		A4-0168/1999 OJ C 219 30.07.1999, p. 0007	29/03/1999	EP	
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		T4-0291/1999 OJ C 219 30.07.1999, p. 0171-0201	14/04/1999	EP	Summary
Follow-up document		COM(2000)0540	08/09/2000	EC	Summary

Additional information

European Commission	EUR-Lex
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Final act

Regulation 1999/1405 OJ L 164 30.06.1999, p. 0017 Summary
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Agricultural prices 1999/2000 : aid for seeds (amend. regul. 2358/71/EEC)

Prices for agricultural products 1999/2000 - Seeds: As provided for in the basic Regulation (2358/71/EEC), every two years the Commission proposes the level of aid for the next two marketing years; in this case for both 2000/01 and 2001/02. Considering that the markets for the different species are in the balance and the market prices are reasonable, it is proposed to maintain the existing levels of aid for two years. However, for rice, hemp and perennial ryegrass seeds, some changes are proposed. In the case of rice and hemp, they aim to bring seed legislation into line with the legislation on corresponding products. For rice seeds it is proposed to replace the genetic approach for differentiating the japonica and indica types by a morphological approach based on the seed size, as proved for in the CMO for rice since the 1995 reform. For hemp seed, where aid has traditionally been limited to monoecious varieties, it is proposed to follow the latest developments of the hemp scheme by extending the eligibility to newly developed dioecious varieties and introducing the same maximum alkaloid (THC) rate. For perennial ryegrass, the Commission proposes to fix the aid at the same level for the three varieties concerned, while respecting budget neutrality.?

Agricultural prices 1999/2000 : aid for seeds (amend. regul. 2358/71/EEC)

Under consultation procedure, the European Parliament approved the Commission proposal for a Council regulation amending regulation 2358/71/EEC on the common organisation of the market in seeds and fixing the aid granted in the seeds sector for the 2000/2001 and 2001/2002 marketing years.?

Agricultural prices 1999/2000 : aid for seeds (amend. regul. 2358/71/EEC)

PURPOSE: Agricultural prices 1999/2000 - seeds COMMUNITY MEASURE: Council Regulation 1405/1999/EC. CONTENT: The main amendments introduced by the Council are the following: - as far as rice seeds are concerned, to differentiate between the japonica and indica types no longer on the basis of genetic criteria, but on the basis of morphological criteria taking into account the size of the seeds, as foreseen by the common organisation of the market for rice since the 1995 reform; - as far as hemp seeds are concerned, in the case where the aid is traditionally limited to monoecious varieties, to follow the trend in the regime to be applied to hemp by including the newly developed dioecious

varieties in the category of eligible varieties and establishing the same maximum rate of THC (alkaloid). The current distinction between the three types of English rye grass will, for a transitional period, be maintained for the next two marketing years; from the 2002-2003 marketing year onwards, a single aid will be applicable to English rye grass seeds.?

Agricultural prices 1999/2000 : aid for seeds (amend. regul. 2358/71/EEC)

This Report from the Commission to the Council concerns the results of Finnish aid for certain quantities of seeds and certain quantities of cereal seeds. The Report is based on the information communicated by the Finnish authorities in 26.10.1998 under Article 4 of Decision 95/282/EC on the amounts of aid actually granted, the area cultivated and the production and marketing of such species and variety for which aid is granted. Technical discussions were held between the Finnish Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry and the Commission on this information. With regard to aid for herbaceous seeds, the Finnish Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry requested the Commission for authorisation to fix maximum amounts on the basis of areas cultivated for herbaceous seeds and was permitted to do so because of the significant fluctuations in production per unit of area in this sector. This is down to climate effects, which result in very different per-hectare yields from one year to the next. The granting of area aid, with the amount fixed annually and calculated in such a way that the income of producers after receipt of the aid remains within the average income of producers during the reference period from 1989 to 1993, has proved effective and has helped maintain stability in this sector. Despite the severe climatic conditions which produce considerable differences in per-hectare production from one year to the next, area aid has helped guarantee a minimum income level for producers. Based on the results of the application of the national aid in Finland during the period 1995 to 1998, and in view of the fact that this aid has not affected trade between the Member States, the Commission considers that the system of area aid should be continued until 2006. With regard to aid for cereal seeds, as in the case of herbaceous seeds, authorisation was granted for aid for varieties listed in Finland's national catalogue which, with the exception of small quantities cultivated in bordering regions, are produced solely in that Member State. Seed production increased by around 14% from 1995 to 1997. However, production was only 58% of the maximum laid down by the Commission. No seed was exported, with the exception of a small quantity exported with the express authorisation of the Commission. Finally, should it prove necessary to maintain the system of national aid for the production of cereal seeds from 2000 on, Finland will have to present a special duly justified request under the common organisation of the market in cereals. In conclusion, on the basis of the information provided in this Report, a proposal for a Council Regulation is presented at the same time.?