

# Procedure file

Basic information	
COD - Ordinary legislative procedure (ex-codecision procedure) Decision	1999/0137(COD) Procedure completed
Community agricultural statistics: improvement and information Amending Decision 96/411/EC	<a href="#">1995/0250(CNS)</a>
Subject 3.10.30 Agricultural statistics	

Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
	<b>AGRI</b> Agriculture and Rural Development		01/09/1999
		PPE-DE <a href="#">REDONDO JIMÉNEZ Encarnación</a>	
	Former committee responsible		01/09/1999
	<b>AGRI</b> Agriculture and Rural Development		
		PPE-DE <a href="#">REDONDO JIMÉNEZ Encarnación</a>	
	Former committee for opinion		
	<b>ECON</b> Economic and Monetary Affairs	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
	<b>ITRE</b> Industry, External Trade, Research, Energy	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
Council of the European Union	Council configuration	Meeting	Date
	<a href="#">Justice and Home Affairs (JHA)</a>	<a href="#">2266</a>	29/05/2000

Key events			
08/07/1999	Legislative proposal published	COM(1999)0332	Summary
23/07/1999	Committee referral announced in Parliament, 1st reading		
06/12/1999	Vote in committee, 1st reading		Summary
06/12/1999	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading	<a href="#">A5-0089/1999</a>	
17/12/1999	Debate in Parliament		
17/12/1999	Decision by Parliament, 1st reading	<a href="#">T5-0193/1999</a>	Summary
29/05/2000	Council position published	<a href="#">07624/1/2000</a>	Summary

06/07/2000	Committee referral announced in Parliament, 2nd reading		
10/07/2000	Vote in committee, 2nd reading		
05/09/2000	Decision by Parliament, 2nd reading	<a href="#">T5-0350/2000</a>	Summary
28/09/2000	Final act signed		
29/09/2000	End of procedure in Parliament		
18/10/2000	Final act published in Official Journal		

### Technical information

Procedure reference	1999/0137(COD)
Procedure type	COD - Ordinary legislative procedure (ex-codecision procedure)
Procedure subtype	Legislation
Legislative instrument	Decision
	Amending Decision 96/411/EC <a href="#">1995/0250(CNS)</a>
Legal basis	EC Treaty (after Amsterdam) EC 285; Rules of Procedure EP 66_o-p4
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	AGRI/5/12808

### Documentation gateway

Legislative proposal	<a href="#">COM(1999)0332</a> <a href="#">OJ C 307 26.10.1999, p. 0029 E</a>	08/07/1999	EC	Summary
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	<a href="#">A5-0089/1999</a> <a href="#">OJ C 296 18.10.2000, p. 0007</a>	06/12/1999	EP	
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading	<a href="#">T5-0193/1999</a> <a href="#">OJ C 296 18.10.2000, p. 0373-0380</a>	17/12/1999	EP	Summary
Council position	<a href="#">07624/1/2000</a> <a href="#">OJ C 240 23.08.2000, p. 0001</a>	29/05/2000	CSL	Summary
Commission communication on Council's position	SEC(2000)1077	26/06/2000	EC	Summary
Text adopted by Parliament, 2nd reading	<a href="#">T5-0350/2000</a> <a href="#">OJ C 135 07.05.2001, p. 0034-0061</a>	05/09/2000	EP	Summary

### Additional information

European Commission	<a href="#">EUR-Lex</a>
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### Final act

<a href="#">Decision 2000/2298</a> <a href="#">OJ L 263 18.10.2000, p. 0001</a> Summary
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PURPOSE: to amend Decision 96/411/EC on improving Community agricultural statistics. CONTENU: The Council Decision on improving

Community agricultural statistics has put at the Commission's disposal a flexible tool which allows it to adapt statistical applications to changes in information needs. The Commission proposes extending this tool until the year 2002. The second modification proposes to bring forward payment of 30% of the Community contribution to the date of acceptance by the Commission of the work plan for the action in question.?

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The committee adopted the report (codecision procedure, first reading) by Mrs Encarnación REDONDO JIMENEZ (EPP/ED, E) approving the Commission's proposals to amend legislation on the improvement of Community agricultural statistics. These proposals: extend until 2002 the system granting the Member States a financial contribution to their expenditure on measures to adapt their national agricultural statistical systems, simplify the system's management and allow for a 30 % advance on the Community contribution to be paid to the Member States. The committee clarified the Commission's wording to show that the advance concerns the Community contribution and not the total cost of the action. However, it wanted the Commission to go further and therefore tabled an amendment improving the Commission's identification of its statistical needs and expanding the scope of the statistical information which the Member States have to supply to the Commission. The committee believed that the Community would soon have to take major decisions relating to the development of the CAP, enlargement and the new WTO Round and those decisions would therefore need to rest on a solid statistical base. The committee also felt that CAP aid payments could provide a valuable source of statistical information and tabled an amendment requiring the Member States to gather information on them so as to allow a correct assessment of the instruments used.

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In adopting the report by Mrs. Encarnacion REDONDO JIMENEZ (EPP/ED, E), the European Parliament approved the proposal for a decision. It sought to underline that both the internal evolution of the common agricultural policy and the external context of enlargement towards the East, on the one hand, and the opening of a new round of multilateral trade negotiations, on the other, call for improved identification of statistical needs and the achievement of the current regulatory framework. The European Parliament asks that the process of adapting Community agriculture statistics, from 2002 onwards, can be decided by the European Parliament and the Council (and not by the Council alone). In addition, the European Parliament wants the EAGGF to carry out the statistical processing of information concerning EAGGF Guarantee Section payments by aggregating data concerning aid, surface area or the number of livestock units affected and the number of beneficiaries at NUTS 2 level in terms of the type of measures and broken down by tranches of aid received.?

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The Council approved the substance of the Commission proposal, with the introduction of some changes. On three points, those changes correspond perfectly to three of the four amendments approved by the European Parliament. In making the last amendment, the Council is to a large extent taking account of the European Parliament's expressed concern on the advisability of establishing a database on EAGGF (Guarantee Section) payments. The changes introduced by the Council include, firstly, three new recitals which: - stress that the development of the CAP, enlargement and the new trade negotiations militate in favour of better pinpointing of statistical needs and, where appropriate, the supplementing of the current regulatory framework; - specify the new total appropriation for the entire duration of the programme; - stress the desirability of continuing the feasibility studies under way, in order to determine the technical possibilities and means necessary to establish a database on aid paid out by the EAGGF. With regard to the financial provisions, under the system in force the Community contribution to the expenditure borne by Member States is paid entirely after the conclusion of the measures provided for, sometimes entailing significant delays. The Commission plans to remedy this difficulty by making an advance payment of 30% of the cost of the measure, after acceptance by the Commission of the work plan for the measure concerned. In accordance with the European Parliament amendment, the Council specifies that the advance payment of 30% refers to the Community contribution to the cost of the measure. Lastly, the Council approves the desirability of looking into the possibility of setting up a database on EAGGF (Guarantee Section) payments and makes provisions for the Commission to continue the feasibility studies under way and submit a report to the European Parliament and the Council on the results of those studies. In conclusion, the Council adopted as its common position the Commission proposal, as approved by the European Parliament, subject to changes set out above, that the Commission can take on board, and which to a very large extent incorporate the amendments submitted by the European Parliament.?

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The Commission regards certain drafting changes proposed by the Council as not substantially changing its original proposal. It is therefore in a position to accept them. With regard to the more substantial changes proposed by the Council, the Commission accepts: -the inclusion of a new article stipulating that the Commission is to continue the studies in progress on the technical feasibility of creating an EAGGF-Guarantee payments database, and on the resources required for its operation. The Commission is to submit a report before 31 December 2001. Without prejudging the findings of the feasibility studies underway, the Commission is agreeable to the new article which is designed to meet the wishes of the European Parliament. -the change in committee procedure. The Commission agrees that, agricultural studies being closely linked to the CAP and the management procedure being the procedure for the application of that policy, it is logical that the same approach be linked to agricultural statistics. -the financial allocation for the application of the Decision during 2000-2002 should be indicated in the text. The Commission sees this as in line with the Interinstitutional Agreement of 6 May 1999 between the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission on budgetary discipline and improvement of the budgetary procedure. The Commission states its agreement to the Council's common position.?

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The European Parliament adopted the common position of the Council with a view to adopting a European Parliament and Council Decision amending Council Decision 96/411/EC on improving Community agricultural statistics. ?

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PURPOSE : to extend Council Decision 96/411/EC on improving Community agricultural statistics. COMMUNITY MEASURE : Decision 2298/2000/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Council Decision 96/411/EC on improving Community agricultural statistics. CONTENT : this decision provides for the continuation of the process of adapting the Community agricultural statistics during the period 2000-2002. The financial framework for the implementation of the programme is EUR 3 million. The contribution shall be paid to the Member States in two instalments, the first of which, equivalent to 30% of the Community share of the cost of the action, shall be paid as an advance, after notification to and acceptance by the Commission of the working plan for the action in question. The Commission shall continue current feasibility studies to determine the technical possibility of setting up a database relating to the payments made by the EAGGF (Guarantee Section). ENTRY INTO FORCE : 21.10.2000. ?