

# Procedure file

Basic information		
CNS - Consultation procedure Regulation	1999/0179(CNS)	Procedure completed
Fat content of drinking milk produced in Finland and Sweden: extension of the derogation until 31 December 2003		
Amending Regulation (EC) No 2596/97 <a href="#">1997/0271(CNS)</a>		
Subject 3.10.05.02 Milk and dairy products		
Geographical area Sweden Finland		

Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
	<b>AGRI</b> Agriculture and Rural Development		
	Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
	<b>BUDG</b> Budgets	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
Council of the European Union	Council configuration	Meeting	Date
	<a href="#">Agriculture and Fisheries</a>	<a href="#">2236</a>	14/12/1999

Key events			
07/09/1999	Legislative proposal published	COM(1999)0412	Summary
07/10/1999	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
24/11/1999	Vote in committee		
02/12/1999	Decision by Parliament	<a href="#">T5-0126/1999</a>	Summary
14/12/1999	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		
14/12/1999	End of procedure in Parliament		
21/12/1999	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information	
Procedure reference	1999/0179(CNS)
Procedure type	CNS - Consultation procedure
Procedure subtype	Legislation

Legislative instrument	Regulation
	Amending Regulation (EC) No 2596/97 <a href="#">1997/0271(CNS)</a>
Legal basis	Rules of Procedure EP 52-p1; Adhesion AU, FI, SV N 149-p2
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	AGRI/5/12133

#### Documentation gateway

Legislative proposal		<a href="#">COM(1999)0412</a> <a href="#">OJ C 342 30.11.1999, p. 0035</a>	08/09/1999	EC	Summary
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		<a href="#">T5-0126/1999</a> <a href="#">OJ C 194 11.07.2000, p. 0013-0044</a>	02/12/1999	EP	Summary

#### Additional information

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

[Regulation 1999/2703](#)  
[OJ L 327 21.12.1999, p. 0011](#) Summary

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**PURPOSE** : to extend transitional measures relating to the fat content requirements for milk intended for human consumption in Finland and Sweden to 4 years. **CONTENT** : To take account of the difficulties posed by the immediate application of the Community rules on drinking milk, Finland and Sweden have, since their accession, benefited from a derogation relating to the fat content requirements for that milk. During an initial period of 3 years, that derogation was based on the Act of Accession and on the assumption that the Council would be re-examining the fat categories for drinking milk. That re-examination has taken place as part of the consolidation of the relevant rules and this process has resulted in the adoption of Regulation 2597/97/EC. This new Regulation took over the main elements of the existing arrangements with a number of adjustments which did not, however, permit the integration of all the drinking milk marketed in Finland and Sweden. Prior to this situation, the Council decided, by the adoption of Regulation 2596/97/EC, to extend the derogation to the 31.12.1999 to allow Finland and Sweden to harmonise their rules with the Community rules. In view of the persistence of the difficulties which made the derogation necessary, this proposal for a Regulation provides for a final derogation of 4 years (that being until 31.12.2003) on the understanding that the new period will be used to introduced measures adjusting to the Community rules. In order to monitor progress in applying those rules, provision has been made for a mid-term examination (to 31.12.2001).?

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This was a procedure without report. The proposal was approved.?

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**PURPOSE** : to extend by 4 years the period during which transitional measures may be adopted with regard to the fat content requirements for milk intended for human consumption in Finland and in Sweden. **COMMUNITY MEASURE** : Council Regulation 2703/1999/EC amending Regulation 2596/97/EC extending the period provided for in Article 149(1) of the Act of Accession of Austria, Finland and Sweden. **CONTENT** : in order to take account of the difficulties in adapting to the Community rules relating to milk for human consumption, Finland and Sweden have benefitted since their accession from a derogation from provisions relating to the fat content of milk for human consumption. This derogation has already been extended several times ; the last extension ran until 31.12.1999. Taking into consideration the persistence of the difficulties which have necessitated this derogation, this Regulation provides for a new extension of 4 years, that is until 31.12.2003. Finland

and Sweden shall notify the Commission before 31.12.2001 of the measures adopted with a view to adapting to the Community rules. On that basis, the Commission shall present to the Council a mid-term report on the progress made by the Member States concerned. ENTRY INTO FORCE : 01.01.2000.?