

# Procedure file

Basic information	
<p>COD - Ordinary legislative procedure (ex-codecision procedure) Regulation</p> <p>1999/0194(COD)</p>	Procedure completed
<p>Humanitarian aid: uprooted people in Asian and Latin American developing countries (exten. Regulation (EC) No 443/97)</p> <p>Subject 6.50 Emergency, food, humanitarian aid, aid to refugees, Emergency Aid Reserve</p>	

Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
	<b>DEVE</b> Development and Cooperation		24/11/1999
		PPE-DE <a href="#">DEVA Nirj</a>	
	Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
	<b>BUDG</b> Budgets		14/10/1999
		PSE <a href="#">WYNN Terence</a>	
	<b>CONT</b> Budgetary Control		13/10/1999
		PSE <a href="#">BLAK Freddy</a>	
Council of the European Union	Council configuration	Meeting	Date
	Health	<a href="#">2281</a>	29/06/2000
European Commission	Commission DG	Commissioner	
	External Relations		

Key events			
15/09/1999	Legislative proposal published	COM(1999)0443	Summary
04/10/1999	Committee referral announced in Parliament, 1st reading		
23/02/2000	Vote in committee, 1st reading		Summary
23/02/2000	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading	<a href="#">A5-0065/2000</a>	
03/05/2000	Debate in Parliament		
04/05/2000	Decision by Parliament, 1st reading	<a href="#">T5-0188/2000</a>	Summary
22/06/2000	Modified legislative proposal published	COM(2000)0410	Summary

29/06/2000	Act adopted by Council after Parliament's 1st reading		
17/07/2000	Final act signed		
17/07/2000	End of procedure in Parliament		
07/09/2000	Final act published in Official Journal		

#### Technical information

Procedure reference	1999/0194(COD)
Procedure type	COD - Ordinary legislative procedure (ex-codecision procedure)
Procedure subtype	Legislation
Legislative instrument	Regulation
Legal basis	EC Treaty (after Amsterdam) EC 179-p1
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed

#### Documentation gateway

Legislative proposal		COM(1999)0443 OJ C 021 25.01.2000, p. 0065 E	15/09/1999	EC	Summary
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		<a href="#">A5-0065/2000</a> <a href="#">OJ C 378 29.12.2000, p. 0004</a>	23/02/2000	EP	
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		<a href="#">T5-0188/2000</a> <a href="#">OJ C 041 07.02.2001, p. 0025-0039</a>	04/05/2000	EP	Summary
Modified legislative proposal		COM(2000)0410 <a href="#">OJ C 337 28.11.2000, p. 0147 E</a>	22/06/2000	EC	Summary

#### Additional information

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

<a href="#">Regulation 2000/1880</a> <a href="#">OJ L 227 07.09.2000, p. 0001</a> Summary
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## Humanitarian aid: uprooted people in Asian and Latin American developing countries (exten. Regulation (EC) No 443/97)

**PURPOSE** : to extend Regulation 443/97/EC on operations to aid uprooted people in Asian and Latin American developing countries by 1 year. **CONTENT** : An important part of the Community's contribution to the overall aim of developing and consolidating democracy and the rule of law and respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms, is to help those who have felt compelled to leave their homes in the face of serious threats to their personal safety. Similarly, it is essential that aid instruments be developed that cater to the needs of the communities receiving these people, possibly in another country, and of those to which they return. Budget headings B7-302 and B7-312 are specifically geared to aiding uprooted people (refugees, displaced persons and returnees) in Asia and Latin America by creating optimum conditions for their integration or reintegration. The aim of such operations is to span the intervening phase between humanitarian crisis-response and rehabilitation or development cooperation. Therefore, it would seem reasonable to envisage directing the use of these budget headings in the next few years to operations for these people's return, reintegration and rehabilitation and the reconstruction of their communities. Given that the Directive 443/97/EC which lays down arrangements for implementing the operations will expire on 31.12.1999, it is proposed that it should be extended for another year, until 31.12.2000, in order to allow the continued support of viable projects promoting self-sufficiency and the social and economic reintegration of refugees before the complete reorientation of the actions envisaged. The financial reference amount for the implementation of this programme is adapted as a result (it rises to 280 million EURO, in other words an additional 40 million EURO for commitment appropriations until 31.12.1999).?

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The committee adopted the report (codecision procedure, first reading) by Niranjana DEVA (EPP/ED, UK) approving the proposal with a few amendments. The rapporteur felt that the proposal to extend the regulation should be approved rapidly so as to ensure a legal base for 2000 so that funding could be continued, for example in countries such as Afghanistan and Sri Lanka where the situation was particularly acute. If the proposal was to have any meaning, therefore, Parliament and Council needed to reach agreement quickly. The report nevertheless contained some amendments designed to ensure greater accountability and transparency in Community aid programmes and introduce a new text on comitology to take account of the new agreements on that subject. One amendment called for the Commission to present an overall evaluation report by September 2000 appraising the management of the programme and suggesting improvements so that the impact of EU aid could be maximised. The committee stressed the importance of this undertaking by the Commission as it would be a key element in assessing the long-term future of the regulation.?

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In its first reading, Parliament adopted its resolution drafted by Mr. Niranjana DEVA (EPP/ED,UK) approving the Commission's proposal with a few amendments. These introduce a new text on comitology and called for the Commission to present an overall evaluation report by September 2000 appraising the management of the programme and suggesting improvements.?

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The Commission accepted Parliament's four amendments. In the case of the first amendment, the Member of the Commission noted that the unofficial version of the activity report had been sent to the Committee on Development and Cooperation and that the official version would be sent in June. The second and third amendments were accepted because they reflected the interinstitutional framework of cooperation for budgetary discipline and comitology. The fourth amendment was also accepted since the Commission will submit to Parliament and the Council an independent evaluation in September this year.?

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**PURPOSE :** to extend Regulation 443/97/EC on operations to aid uprooted people in Asian and Latin American developing countries by 1 year. **COMMUNITY MEASURE :** Regulation 1880/2000/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council extending Council Regulation 443/97/EC on operations to aid people in Asia and Latin American developing countries. **CONTENT :** an important part of the Community's contribution to the overall aim of developing and consolidating democracy and the rule of law and respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms, is to help those who have felt compelled to leave their homes in the face of serious threats to their personal safety. Similarly, it is essential that aid instruments be developed that cater to the needs of the communities receiving these people, possibly in another country, and to those which they return. It is with this in mind that this Regulation has been extended to 31.12.2000. The financial reference amount for the implementation of this programme for the period 1996 to 2000 is EUR 280 million. Moreover, the Commission shall submit to the European Parliament and to the Council, at least four months before the expiry date of this Regulation, and overall assessment report appraising the management of the programme, identifying strengths and weaknesses and making recommendations to improve the impact of the programme. **ENTRY INTO FORCE :** 10.09.2000. This Regulation shall apply until 31.12.2000. ?