


# Procedure file

Basic information		
CNS - Consultation procedure Regulation	<a href="#">1999/0246(CNS)</a>	Procedure completed
Milk and milk products: distribution of milk in schools		
Amending Regulation (EC) No 1255/1999	<a href="#">1998/0110(CNS)</a>	
Subject		
3.10.05.02 Milk and dairy products		
3.10.14 Support for producers and premiums		

Key players				
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed	
	<b>AGRI</b> Agriculture and Rural Development		26/01/2000	
		PPE-DE <a href="#">MAAT Albert Jan</a>		
	Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed	
	<b>BUDG</b> Budgets		27/01/2000	
		ELDR <a href="#">MULDER Jan</a>		
	<b>CONT</b> Budgetary Control	The committee decided not to give an opinion.		
Council of the European Union	Council configuration	Meeting	Date	
	Budget	<a href="#">2285</a>	20/07/2000	
	<a href="#">Agriculture and Fisheries</a>	<a href="#">2284</a>	17/07/2000	
	<a href="#">Agriculture and Fisheries</a>	<a href="#">2250</a>	20/03/2000	
European Commission	Commission DG	Commissioner		
	<a href="#">Agriculture and Rural Development</a>			

Key events			
10/12/1999	Legislative proposal published	COM(1999)0608	Summary
02/02/2000	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
20/03/2000	Debate in Council	<a href="#">2250</a>	Summary
21/03/2000	Vote in committee		Summary
21/03/2000	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	<a href="#">A5-0074/2000</a>	
13/04/2000	Debate in Parliament		Summary
03/05/2000	Decision by Parliament	<a href="#">T5-0184/2000</a>	Summary

20/07/2000	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		
20/07/2000	End of procedure in Parliament		
29/07/2000	Final act published in Official Journal		

### Technical information

Procedure reference	1999/0246(CNS)
Procedure type	CNS - Consultation procedure
Procedure subtype	Legislation
Legislative instrument	Regulation
	Amending Regulation (EC) No 1255/1999 <a href="#">1998/0110(CNS)</a>
Legal basis	EC Treaty (after Amsterdam) EC 037; EC Treaty (after Amsterdam) EC 036
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	AGRI/5/12437

### Documentation gateway

Legislative proposal	<a href="#">COM(1999)0608</a> <a href="#">OJ C 089 28.03.2000, p. 0032</a>	10/12/1999	EC	Summary
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	<a href="#">A5-0074/2000</a> <a href="#">OJ C 378 29.12.2000, p. 0004</a>	21/03/2000	EP	
Economic and Social Committee: opinion, report	<a href="#">CES0472/2000</a> <a href="#">OJ C 168 16.06.2000, p. 0016</a>	27/04/2000	ESC	
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading	<a href="#">T5-0184/2000</a> <a href="#">OJ C 041 07.02.2001, p. 0006-0016</a>	03/05/2000	EP	Summary

### Additional information

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

<a href="#">Regulation 2000/1670</a> <a href="#">OJ L 193 29.07.2000, p. 0010</a> Summary
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## Milk and milk products: distribution of milk in schools

**PURPOSE :** modify the Council Regulation 1255/1999/EC on the common organisation of the market in milk and milk products. **CONTENT :** This proposal concerns the operation of the school milk measure at European Union level. Bearing in mind the high level of subsidy on milk supplied to schoolchildren, and also bearing in mind broader health objectives, the Commission proposes the continuation of the scheme on the basis of 50% Community financing and 50% financing by Member States. The proposal also provides a legal basis so as to allow Member States to collect a contribution from milk producers and/or processors or trade with a view to co-financing their share of the funding of the measure.?

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The Council discussed in detail the proposal concerning the programme for the distribution of milk in schools (amending Regulation 1255/99). The European Parliament's Opinion on the proposal is awaited. The Ministers' discussion showed that considerable importance was attached to maintaining a system of subsidised milk for schools. Stress was laid on its social and educational impact among young people. A number of

questions remained unsolved, including the method of co-financing envisaged by the Commission. Another matter giving rise to reservations was the list of products to be supplied to schools. A request was made for the list to be updated, in view of the measure's nutritional aspects. The Council instructed the Permanent Representatives Committee to continue examining the proposal in the light of the discussion that had taken place, and to explore ways in which a satisfactory compromise could be reached at a future Council meeting.?

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The committee adopted the report (consultation procedure) by Albert-Jan MAAT (EPP/ED, NL) amending the proposal for a Council regulation on the common organisation of the market in milk and milk products. The report underlined Parliament's commitment to the continuation of school milk subsidies and called for the Community to pay 95% of the cost of such subsidies, far more than under the Commission's proposal for the Community and the Member States to pay 50% each. The committee argued that school milk contributed to healthy nutrition for school children and to maintaining consumption of milk products. Milk, it said, provided a significant proportion of protein, calcium, vitamin and mineral requirements and consuming it during a person's early years could prevent osteoporosis in later life. The report also noted that life-styles and eating patterns had changed: increasing numbers of children and young people went to school without breakfast. Resulting deficiencies and lack of concentration could be mitigated by providing school milk. In view of changed eating patterns and preferences and in order to increase the attractions of the programme to consumers, the committee also decided to add drinking yoghurt and milk-based beverages. to the regulation.?

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In presenting his report, Mr. Albert MAAT (EPP/ED, NL), stressed the importance of the distribution of milk in schools. If a move is made towards cofinancing, there will be a reduction in the European contribution. This is unacceptable in the eyes of the Rapporteur who defended the position adopted in the Agriculture Committee which seeks to reinstate the budget line for the provision of milk in schools. The vote on this report was postponed to the following plenary session.?

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In adopting the report, under consultation procedure, drafted by Mr. Albert Jan MAAT (EPP/ED, Neth), the European Parliament approves the proposal for a Council regulation amending Regulation 1255/1999/EC on the common organisation of the market in milk and milk products. However, this report was subject to amendments which relate to: - the growing financial responsibility of Member States, differing eating habits in the various regions of the EU, and observance of the subsidiarity principle demand greater flexibility in relation to the milk products covered by the scheme; - consideration which should be given to the possibility of devising a method of linking aid to the wholesale price of the milk product concerned; - the possibility of linking the Community's contribution to milk products to other components than fat should be utilised; - the Community's contribution which should be based on the consumption per pupil which would provide the desirable simplification of the programme. Furthermore, aid shall also be granted for supplying to pupils in educational establishments certain processed milk including drinking yoghurt (0403 90 91) and (2202 90 95) milk based beverage. The Commission shall ensure that the products eligible within the scheme are made available to schoolchildren in the Member States. In addition, in the case of wholemilk, the Community's contribution to financing the aid has been amended, therefore this shall now be equal to 75% of the target price. In conclusion, in addition to Community aid, Member States may grant national aid for supplying the products specified in paragraph 1 to pupils in educational establishments.?

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PURPOSE : amending regulation on the supply of school milk COMMUNITY MEASURE : Council Regulation 1670/2000/EC amending Regulation 1255/1999/EC on the common organisation of the market in milk and milk products. CONTENT : The Council unanimously agreed to the Commission proposal extending the scheme for school milk as amended during the meeting by a Presidency compromise, which the Commission endorsed and which: - replaced the 95% rate of Community funding by a rate of 75%, in line with the European Parliament's recommendation; - allows Member States to top up Community support by granting national aid to fund the distribution of milk to schools and to finance that aid through an appropriate contribution from the dairy sector. ENTRY INTO FORCE : 01.01.2001.?