

# Procedure file

Basic information	
CNS - Consultation procedure Regulation	2000/0191(CNS) Procedure completed
Common organisation of the market in fruit and vegetables and in processed fruit and vegetables; aid scheme for producers of certain citrus fruits	
Amending Regulation (EC) No 2200/96 <a href="#">1995/0247(CNS)</a>	
Amending Regulation (EC) No 2201/96 <a href="#">1995/0248(CNS)</a>	
Amending Regulation (EC) No 2202/96 <a href="#">1996/0120(CNS)</a>	
Subject	
3.10.02 Processed products, agri-foodstuffs	
3.10.06.01 Fruit, citrus fruits	
3.10.06.02 Vegetables	
3.10.14 Support for producers and premiums	

Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
	<b>AGRI</b> Agriculture and Rural Development	GUE/NGL <a href="#">JOVÉ PERES</a> <a href="#">Salvador</a>	11/07/2000
Council of the European Union	Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
	<b>BUDG</b> Budgets	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
European Commission	Council configuration	Meeting	Date
	<a href="#">Agriculture and Fisheries</a>	<a href="#">2317</a>	04/12/2000
	<a href="#">Agriculture and Fisheries</a>	<a href="#">2309</a>	20/11/2000
	Commission DG	Commissioner	
	<a href="#">Agriculture and Rural Development</a>		

Key events			
12/07/2000	Legislative proposal published	COM(2000)0433	Summary
04/09/2000	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
10/10/2000	Vote in committee		Summary
10/10/2000	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	<a href="#">A5-0273/2000</a>	
25/10/2000	Debate in Parliament		
26/10/2000	Decision by Parliament	<a href="#">T5-0477/2000</a>	Summary

04/12/2000	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		
04/12/2000	End of procedure in Parliament		
12/12/2000	Final act published in Official Journal		

### Technical information

Procedure reference	2000/0191(CNS)
Procedure type	CNS - Consultation procedure
Procedure subtype	Legislation
Legislative instrument	Regulation
	Amending Regulation (EC) No 2200/96 <a href="#">1995/0247(CNS)</a> Amending Regulation (EC) No 2201/96 <a href="#">1995/0248(CNS)</a> Amending Regulation (EC) No 2202/96 <a href="#">1996/0120(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/5/12994

### Documentation gateway

Legislative proposal	<a href="#">COM(2000)0433</a> <a href="#">OJ C 337 28.11.2000, p. 0207 E</a>	12/07/2000	EC	Summary
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	<a href="#">A5-0273/2000</a> <a href="#">OJ C 197 12.07.2001, p. 0006</a>	10/10/2000	EP	
Economic and Social Committee: opinion, report	<a href="#">CES1230/2000</a> <a href="#">OJ C 014 16.01.2001, p. 0157</a>	19/10/2000	ESC	
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading	<a href="#">T5-0477/2000</a> <a href="#">OJ C 197 12.07.2001, p. 0217-0365</a>	26/10/2000	EP	Summary

### Additional information

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

### Final act

[Regulation 2000/2699](#)  
[OJ L 311 12.12.2000, p. 0009](#) Summary

## Common organisation of the market in fruit and vegetables and in processed fruit and vegetables; aid scheme for producers of certain citrus fruits

**PURPOSE** : to present a proposal for a Council Regulation amending Regulation 2200/96/EC on the common organisation of the market in fruit and vegetables, Regulation 2201/96/EC on the common organisation of the market in processed fruit and vegetables and Regulation 2202/96/EC introducing a Community aid scheme for producers of certain citrus fruits. **CONTENT** : the 1996 reform of the fruit and vegetable CMO was implemented from January 1997 onwards. The Commission is to submit a report to the Council on the operation of the CMO by end 2000 (for fresh produce/citrus). This report is in progress and its finalisation is dependant on the submission of information from Member States. However, four important issues have arisen which need addressing urgently. These are the rigidity of the current arrangement for processed tomatoes, the level of the guarantee quantities (quotas or thresholds) for processed tomatoes, pears and citrus fruit, a simplification of the operational fund system and an improvement of the export refunds management for fresh products. At the same time, the two existing regimes (processed peaches/pears and citrus) can be adapted in line with the new arrangement for tomatoes. For processed tomatoes, the arrangement needs to be rationalised and simplified, taking the most effective elements from the existing systems for tomatoes, peaches and

pears: - use thresholds instead of quotas; - express thresholds in raw materials instead of processed products; - sub-divide Community thresholds into national thresholds; - paid aid directly to the producer organisation; - fix the aid by the Council on a permanent basis. Since tomato plantings take place in the first quarter of the year, a new arrangement has to be in place at the latest at the beginning of 2001. For operational funds, the current administrative procedure is complicated and cumbersome. A simplification is therefore required. For export funds, the current management systems do not take fully into account the precise needs of the individual operators. It must therefore be improved. Therefore, based on the above, the following amendments are proposed: - rationalisation of the arrangements for processed tomatoes, peaches/pears and citrus fruit; - adaptation of the thresholds for processed tomatoes, pears and citrus regimes, within a budgetary neutrality; - simplification of the financing system of operational funds; - improvement of the management of export refunds for fresh fruit and vegetables. In conclusion, these amendments greatly simplify current regulations, and in particular in the processed tomato sector. At the same time, the different regimes are brought into line with each other. These amendments will benefit growers who, via their organisations, will manage better the marketing of their production. A more flexible processing arrangement will enable market developments. Planning by producer organisations of operational programme expenditure will be greatly simplified, since the amount of aid now will be known to all producer organisations when drawing up their operational programmes.?

## Common organisation of the market in fruit and vegetables and in processed fruit and vegetables; aid scheme for producers of certain citrus fruits

---

The committee adopted the report by Salvador JOVÉ PERES (EUL/NGL, E) amending, under the consultation procedure, the proposal amending the COM in fruit and vegetables. While agreeing with the Commission's diagnosis of the sector's problems, the rapporteur did not accept its solutions and feared that the situation of fruit and vegetable growers would deteriorate further as a result of the proposal. In its amendments, the committee wanted to improve the conditions for recognising and financing producer organisations according to standard criteria to ensure that they had easier access to funding. It sought modest increases in production thresholds to bring them into line with actual production and potential demand (ensuring that they were neither too low nor too high) and called for the reinstatement of the pre-1996 levels of aid for processing. It also wanted the intervention safety net restored in a "serious crisis" and four products added to the list of those eligible for intervention. Other amendments sought to include support for hazelnuts, nuts and locust beans. The committee also called on the Commission to submit a report on the functioning of the new Regulation and reform proposals by 30 June 2001 and proposals to match thresholds to actual production and to demand by 30 June 2003 and every three years thereafter.?

## Common organisation of the market in fruit and vegetables and in processed fruit and vegetables; aid scheme for producers of certain citrus fruits

---

The Parliament adopted the report drafted by Mr Salvador JOVE PERES (EUL/NGL, E) aimed at preventing any further deterioration in the situation of EU fruit and vegetable producers under Commission proposals to tackle urgent problems facing the sector issued ahead of a report of the 1996 reform of the regime due by the end of the year. In its amendments to the Commission proposal (refer to the decisions of the Committee responsible - previous document), Parliament is seeking more support for producer organisations and encouraging greater incentives to pool produce, particularly in regions which achieve the highest production levels. Furthermore, Parliament is demanding a Commission proposal by 30 June 2003 and every three years thereafter on matching Community production thresholds to demand and adjusting national thresholds to actual production. It also wants the Commission to report on the functioning of the new regulation by 30 June 2001, with proposals to change the rules where necessary. Finally, the Commissioner Franz FISCHLER told the House that proposals to increase the budget for that sector were unacceptable.?

## Common organisation of the market in fruit and vegetables and in processed fruit and vegetables; aid scheme for producers of certain citrus fruits

---

**PURPOSE:** to amend the common organisation of the market in fruit and vegetables, in processed fruit and vegetables and finally, the aid scheme for producers of certain citrus fruits. **COMMUNITY MEASURE:** Council Regulation 2699/2000/EC, amending Regulation 2200/96/EC on the common organisation of the market in fruit and vegetables, Regulation 2201/96/EC on the common organisation of the market in processed fruit and vegetables and Regulation 2202/96/EC introducing a Community aid scheme for producers of certain citrus fruits. **CONTENT:** The main provisions, inter alia, of the Regulation are the following: - producer organisations and their associations shall pay their producer members the Community withdrawal compensation up to a limit of 5% for citrus fruits, of 8.5% for apples and pears and of 10% for other products, of the marketed quantity. These ceilings shall apply from the 2002/03 marketing year. For the 2001/2 marketing year, the ceilings shall be 10% for citrus fruit and water melons and 20% for other products; - Regulation EC/2201/96 is amended to allow the introduction of a Community aid scheme to assist producer organisations supplying tomatoes, peaches and pears harvested in the Community; - aid shall be granted to producer organisations for the quantities of raw materials supplied for processing under contracts as follows: EUR 34,50/tonne for tomatoes, EUR 47,70/tonne for peaches and EUR 161,70/tonne for pears; - specific arrangements for the first three marketing years for tomatoes; - quality and quantity checks; - criteria regarding the minimum price to be paid to producers; - production aid and the price of raw materials; - as regards Regulation EC/2202/96, the amendment, among others, states that aid shall be granted to producer organisations for the quantities delivered for processing under the contracts referred to in the amending Regulation. **ENTRY INTO FORCE:** This Regulation shall enter into force on 15.12.2000.?