

Procedure file

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	Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed	
	BUDG Budgets		12/10/2000	
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Council of the European Union	ENVI Environment, Public Health, Consumer Policy		10/10/2000	
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Additional information

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Final act

[Regulation 2000/2826](#)
[OJ L 328 23.12.2000, p. 0002](#) Summary

Information and promotion actions for agricultural products on the internal market

PURPOSE : to harmonise and simplify the various current promotion schemes for agricultural products so as to increase their effectiveness and make their management more transparent. **CONTENT** : at the moment the Commission operates twelve promotional schemes for products selected over the course of the years by the Council. Each scheme follows its own rules and falls into one of two categories: those run directly by the Commission (olive oil, flax, nuts, logos) and those run indirectly through the Member States or trade organisations (beef, milk products, apples and citrus fruit, grape juice, flowers, labelling). It is desired that this whole system inherited from the past, with its lack of uniformity, be harmonised and simplified to make it more effective and facilitate its management resources available. Following the approach taken to promotion outside the EU, the Community should for its activity within the EU provide itself with a flexible promotional tool useable "across the board". The aim therefore must be information provision and promotion of a generic character avoiding overlap with promotional action of companies and national/regional authorities. Its role will be complementary to their classic marketing approach, and service to create a favourable environment for them among consumers. It is proposed that the "piecemeal" approach taken up to now be abandoned and the Commission periodically choose (using the management committee procedure) the themes and sectors that are to be the subject of

information provisions and promotion. The main selection criteria will be: - the wish to run campaigns, either thematic or with specific targets, drawing attention to high quality, nutritional values and safety levels, and also to the advantages of specific production methods; - the existence of labelling and control/traceability systems; - the need to boost sectors in short-term difficulty; - the desire to provide information on the Community PDO/PGI and TSG schemes, organic products, the quality wine psr system etc. With regard to the financing, action will be part-financed by the Community (50% on average) with the balance met by the trade and inter-trade organisations proposing programmes and Member States. ?

Information and promotion actions for agricultural products on the internal market

The committee adopted the report by Michel DARY (PES, F) amending the proposal under the consultation procedure. It welcomed the proposal and believed it would help consumers make sense of the mass of information - mostly in the form of advertising - that they were faced with. However, it tabled some amendments to clarify and improve certain aspects of the regulation. The committee wanted production methods and local and regional specialities to be included in the policy and measures for products from the Community's most remote regions to be funded in full by the Community. It also wanted the Community's contribution to the cost of measures to tackle crises in individual sectors increased. The committee felt that the EU should make maximum use of the scope under WTO rules for promotional policies and asked the Commission to explore the possibility of increasing the budget for promotion measures if export credits were reduced or abolished (under future WTO agreements). It believed the products and themes for the promotion measure should be selected every two years, rather than every three years, and wanted an evaluation report by 31 December 2003 (not 2004) and every two years thereafter. Lastly, it called for the entry into force of the regulation to be put back from 1 January 2001 because the implementing rules would not have been adopted by then. ?

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The European Parliament endorsed the resolution by Mr Michel J.M. DARY (PES, F). The resolution was, however, subject to amendments which mirror those tabled by the Committee responsible. (Refer to the previous document). Moreover, the idea of the Commission proposal is to promote European produce and provide consumer information, emphasising aspects such as quality, health benefits, animal welfare and organic production. The measures would include market research and PR work, participation in trade fairs and exhibitions and impact assessments. Short-term difficulties faced by individual sectors could also be tackled. The scheme is to be co-financed, with the funding shared between the Community, the trade organisations and the Member States. ?

Information and promotion actions for agricultural products on the internal market

PURPOSE: to harmonise and simplify the current regime on information and promotion actions for agricultural products on the internal market. COMMUNITY MEASURE: Council Regulation 2826/2000/EC. CONTENT: the regime seeks to finance actions - the European Union providing 50%, the Member States 20% and professional organisations the remaining 30% - relating to information as well as actions of generic and collective promotion (public relations, advertising, diffusion of scientific information). These actions will seek to avoid overlap with promotional actions by organisations or national and regional authorities. ENTRY INTO FORCE: 30/12/2000.?

Information and promotion actions for agricultural products on the internal market

LEGISLATIVE ACT : Commission Regulation 1071/2005/EC laying down detailed rules for applying Council Regulation 2826/2000/EC on information and promotion actions for agricultural products on the internal market.

CONTENT : in light of experience gained in recent years, Commission Regulation 94/2002/EC laying down detailed rules for applying Council Regulation 2826/2000/EC on information and promotion actions for agricultural products on the internal market should be amended. In the interests of clarity and rationality, that Regulation should be replaced by a new one.

This Regulation lays down detailed rules for applying Regulation 2826/2000/EC, in particular as regards the drawing up, selection, implementation, financing and checking of the programmes referred to in Article 6(1) of that Regulation and the rules applicable to the programmes part-financed by the Member States and the Community referred to in Article 7(1) of that Regulation.

The new Regulation includes, inter alia, the following provisions:

the drawing up and regular updating of lists of themes and products covered by information and promotion actions for agricultural products on the internal market, the national authorities responsible for implementing this Regulation and the duration of the programmes should be specified;

- it should be specified that any message about the nutritional value of a product passed on to consumers and other target groups under the programmes must have a recognised scientific basis and that the sources of that information must be recognised;

- general and specific guidelines to be followed for products covered by information and promotion campaigns should be drawn up;

- in the interests of sound financial management, programmes should contain detailed rules on the financial contribution of Member States and proposing organisations;

- it should be clearly laid down that, in the case of multiannual programmes, an internal evaluation report should be submitted on completion of each annual phase, even where no payment request has been made;

- the interest rate payable by the beneficiary of a wrongful payment should be aligned on the interest rate for amounts receivable not repaid on the due date referred to in Article 86 of Commission Regulation 2342/2002/EC laying down detailed rules for the implementation of Council Regulation 1605/2002/EC, Euratom on the Financial Regulation applicable to the general budget of the European Communities;

- to ease the transition from Regulation 94/2002/EC to this Regulation, transitional measures should be taken for information and promotion programmes for which funding is decided on by the Commission before the entry into force of this Regulation;

ENTRY INTO FORCE : 18/07/2005.