

Procedure file

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Regulation 2001/2529 OJ L 341 22.12.2001, p. 0003 Summary
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Sheepmeat and goatmeat: common organisation of the market CMO, reform

PURPOSE :to present a proposal on the common organisation of the market in sheepmeat and goatmeat. **CONTENT** : following an evaluation undertaken by the Commission it is proposed to carry out a reform of the common organisation of the market in sheepmeat and goatmeat. Although, in terms of production, the sheep and goat sector is the least important of the meat sectors (less than 10% of pigmeat production or around 12% of beef and veal production) the rearing of sheep and goats is very sensitive for certain regions of the Community. It is particularly for the less-favoured areas (LFA). It is by nature a predominately extensive form of farming. The Community is not self-sufficient in sheepmeat. About 20% of the overall consumption is imported, in the framework of the duty free quotas. The proposal aims to retain certain aspects of the regime, which have proven to be effective in maintaining a balance of the market, such as the producers' individual limits of premium rights. However, in the interests of simplification and transparency the sum of individual limits per Member State will be published in the regulation. It is not proposed to replace individual limits by regional quotas. The certainty for producers, which would be achieved by a flat-rate premium,

would be undermined by the need to establish a mechanism whereby the premium would be reduced in the case of overshooting of the quota. Regional quotas also encourage speculative activity that is harmful to the stability of the sector. It is proposed that the differentiation in the level of the premium between producers of meat and those marketing milk and milk products to be maintained. This recognises that milk producers enjoy an additional source of income. However, by way of simplification and in order to provide a uniform basis to all producers in less favoured areas it is proposed to establish a single rate for the supplementary premium payable to such producers. Moreover, it includes proposals to make a number of simplifications to the regulations. Six Council regulations are to be replaced by a single regulation and definitions and other basic provisions made clearer. For example, it is proposed to align the definitions of 'producer' and 'holding' with those established in the Integrated Administration and Control System and remove superfluous provisions from the text. The level of the premium that is proposed is EUR 21 with a reduced amount of EUR 16,8 for sheep farmers who produce sheep's milk and goat farmers. It is proposed to set the supplementary premium at EUR 7 for all producers. It should however be added that the recent outbreak of foot and mouth disease in a number of Member States has revealed important shortcomings in the traceability of movements of sheep. It is the Commission's intention to carry out a thorough review of the means to ensuring that these shortcomings are fully addressed. Options which will be considered include improved measures for the permanent identification of sheep, possibly including individual ear-tags or other forms of identification (e.g. electronic). Such measures would offer the added advantage of improved information and controls on premia, protection against fraudulent claims, and rapid tracing back to the farm(s) of origin.?

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The committee adopted the report by Gordon ADAM (PES, UK) amending the proposal under the consultation procedure. It called for the new flat-rate ewe premium to be set at EUR 30, instead of the Commission's figure of EUR 21, and for the she-goat premium also to be EUR 30, instead of the EUR 16.8 proposed by the Commission. The committee wanted farmers who have an additional source of income from marketing sheep's milk or sheep's milk products to get the same amount as other sheep and goat producers, i.e. EUR 30 instead of the Commission's proposed lower rate of EUR 16.8. It also wanted the supplementary premium, to be paid to farmers in disadvantaged areas, raised to EUR 9 per ewe from the Commission's EUR 7. A further recommendation was that Member States should make additional, annual payments to producers, on the basis of headage and/or area, as in the beef and veal sector, although the committee stipulated that these payments should not exceed EUR 5 per head. Other amendments were passed calling for a safety net to deal with price crises, emphasising the importance of quality production and seeking to reward farmers for using extensive farming methods. ?

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The European Parliament adopted the report by Mr Gordon ADAM (PES, UK) on the common organisation of the market in sheepmeat and goatmeat. (Please refer to the previous text).?

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PURPOSE : to adopt a Regulation on the organisation of the market in sheepmeat and goatmeat. COMMUNITY MEASURE : Council Regulation 2529/2001/EC on the common organisation of the market in sheepmeat and goatmeat. CONTENT : the Council, on the basis of a compromise text from the Presidency, adopted this Regulation with the Austrian, Irish and Swedish delegation voting against it. The Presidency presented a new compromise text with regard to the amount of aid, this question was the only obstacle in view of reaching an agreement on this Regulation. This compromise text provides for the creation of "national budgets" or supplementary payments of a total amount of EUR 72 million. These "budgets" are calculated on the basis of the premiums paid in each of the Member States. By 31 December 2005 at the latest, the Commission shall report on the environmental consequences of sheep and goat farming in certain regions of the Community as well as on the impact of the premium regime and on the functioning of the additional payment system, taking into account the consequences of the improvement in the identification and registration of sheep and goat. If appropriate the report shall take account in particular of reports made by the Member States on the implementation of measures provided for under Article 3 of Regulation 1259/1999/EC. ENTRY INTO FORCE : 22.12.2001. It shall apply from 01.01.2002.?