# Procedure file

## Basic information

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| CNS - Consultation procedure<br>Regulation | 2002/0227(CNS) | Procedure completed |

Support for pre-accession measures for agriculture and rural development in the applicant countries of Central and Eastern Europe in the pre-accession period

Amending Regulation (EC) No 1268/1999 1998/0100(CNS)

Subject
6.40.02 Relations with central and eastern Europe
8.20.02 Enlargement 2004: new Member States
8.20.04 Pre-accession and partnership
8.20.12 Enlargement's agricultural point of view

## Key players

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| European Parliament | Committee responsible | Rapporteur | Appointed |
| | AGRI Agriculture and Rural Development | | 05/11/2002 |
| | | PPE-DE MAYER Xaver | |
| | Committee for opinion | Rapporteur for opinion | Appointed |
| | BUDG Budgets | | 08/10/2002 |
| | | PPE-DE BÖGE Reimer | |
| Council of the European Union | Council configuration | Meeting | Date |
| | General Affairs | 2501 | 14/04/2003 |
| European Commission | Commission DG | Commissioner | |
| | Agriculture and Rural Development | | |

## Key events

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| 18/09/2002 | Legislative proposal published | COM(2002)0519 | Summary |
| 21/10/2002 | Committee referral announced in Parliament | | |
| 17/02/2003 | Vote in committee | | Summary |
| 17/02/2003 | Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading | A5-0028/2003 | |
| 11/03/2003 | Decision by Parliament | T5-0075/2003 | Summary |
| 14/04/2003 | Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament | | |
| 14/04/2003 | End of procedure in Parliament | | |
| 17/04/2003 | Final act published in Official Journal | | |

## Technical information

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| Procedure reference | 2002/0227(CNS) |
| Procedure type | CNS - Consultation procedure |
| Procedure subtype | Legislation |
| Legislative instrument | Regulation |
| | Amending Regulation (EC) No 1268/1999 1998/0100(CNS) |
| Legal basis | EC before Amsterdam E 308 |
| Stage reached in procedure | Procedure completed |
| Committee dossier | AGRI/5/16866 |

## Documentation gateway

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| Legislative proposal | | COM(2002)0519<br>OJ C 331 31.12.2002, p. 0195 E | 18/09/2002 | EC | Summary |
| Economic and Social Committee: opinion, report | | CES1161/2002<br>OJ C 061 14.03.2003, p. 0194 | 22/10/2002 | ESC | |
| Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading | | A5-0028/2003 | 17/02/2003 | EP | |
| Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading | | T5-0075/2003<br>OJ C 061 10.03.2004, p. 0025-0096 E | 11/03/2003 | EP | Summary |

## Additional information

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| European Commission | EUR-Lex |

## Final act

Regulation 2003/696
OJ L 099 17.04.2003, p. 0024-0025 Summary

## Support for pre-accession measures for agriculture and rural development in the applicant countries of Central and Eastern Europe in the pre-accession period

PURPOSE : to present a proposal which aims to amend Regulation 1268/1999/EC on Community support for pre-accession measures for agriculture and rural development in the applicant countries of Central and Eastern Europe in the pre-accession period. CONTENT : in mid August 2002 considerable damage was caused inter alia in various candidate countries by floods. The Czech Republic and Slovakia in particular were badly affected. The Community needs to be able to respond appropriately to such exceptional natural disasters whenever they occur in candidate countries through various instruments including the pre-accession SAPARD instrument set up under Council Regulation 1268/1999/EC. The scope of the SAPARD instrument does not however have any specific provisions relating to actions taken in the wake of natural disasters. However, the Commission considers that actions to help to restore rural areas following exceptional natural disasters can be considered as falling within the scope of SAPARD and that consequently specific provisions should be made for such an action within Regulation 1268/1999/EC. In view of the Commission, the appropriate action is to increase the ceiling on public aid from 50% to 75%, and the Community contribution from 75% to 85% of public aid, for relevant projects in areas affected by exceptional natural disasters.?

## Support for pre-accession measures for agriculture and rural development in the applicant countries of Central and Eastern Europe in the pre-accession period

The committee adopted the report by Xaver MAYER (EPP-ED, D) approving the proposal under the consultation procedure, subject to a few amendments. It said that the Sapard Regulation should provide for efficient support and specific measures to deal with exceptional disasters (particularly natural disasters). This could be achieved inter alia by promoting local partnerships between the public, private or voluntary sector

and supporting capacity development among those involved in local authorities or NGOs. ?

## Support for pre-accession measures for agriculture and rural development in the applicant countries of Central and Eastern Europe in the pre-accession period

The European Parliament adopted a resolution drafted by Xaver MAYER (EPP-ED, Germany) and made some amendments to the Commission's proposal. (Please refer to the document dated 17/02/03).?

## Support for pre-accession measures for agriculture and rural development in the applicant countries of Central and Eastern Europe in the pre-accession period

PURPOSE : to enable the Community to help restore rural areas following exceptional natural disasters in the applicant states. COMMUNITY MEASURE : Council Regulation 696/2003/EC amending Regulation 1268/1999/EC on Community support for pre-accession measures for agriculture and rural development in the applicant countries of Central and Eastern Europe in the pre-accession period. CONTENT : in mid-August 2002 considerable damage was caused in various candidate countries by floods in their rural areas. This Regulation will enable the Community respond appropriately to such exceptional natural disasters whenever they occur in candidate countries, using the SAPARD instrument set up under Council Regulation 1268/1999/EC. No special provision is included in that Regulation for actions to help restore rural areas following exceptional natural disasters. Appropriate action by the Community in the wake of such disasters is needed. These events place a considerable economic burden on the affected parties both in the public and private sectors and coincide with the preparation for accession. This Regulation provides for increases both in the rate of Community assistance and in the normal ceilings on aid intensities: - for relevant projects following exceptional natural disasters the Community contribution may amount to up to 85 % of the total eligible public expenditure; - for revenue generating investments, public aid may amount up to 75 % of the total eligible cost of which the Community contribution may amount to up to 85 % of the public aid. ENTRY INTO FORCE : 20/04/03.?