

Procedure file

Basic information		
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Common organisation of the market in milk and milk products: intervention prices		
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Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
	AGRI Agriculture and Rural Development		23/01/2003
		PPE-DE JEGGLE Elisabeth	
	Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
	BUDG Budgets		19/02/2003
		PPE-DE HERRANZ GARCÍA Esther	
Council of the European Union	Council configuration	Meeting	Date
	Agriculture and Fisheries	2528	29/09/2003
	Agriculture and Fisheries	2516	25/06/2003
	Agriculture and Fisheries	2494	17/03/2003
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European Commission	Commission DG	Commissioner	
	Agriculture and Rural Development		

Key events			
21/01/2003	Legislative proposal published	COM(2003)0023	Summary
27/01/2003	Debate in Council	2481	
13/02/2003	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
17/03/2003	Debate in Council	2494	
20/05/2003	Vote in committee		Summary
20/05/2003	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A5-0181/2003	

03/06/2003	Debate in Parliament		
05/06/2003	Decision by Parliament	T5-0262/2003	Summary
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Technical information

Procedure reference	2003/0011(CNS)
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Procedure subtype	Legislation
Legislative instrument	Regulation
	Amending Regulation (EC) No 1255/1999 1998/0110(CNS)
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Legislative proposal	COM(2003)0023	21/01/2003	EC	Summary
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Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading	T5-0262/2003 OJ C 068 18.03.2004, p. 0333-0581 E	05/06/2003	EP	Summary
Committee of the Regions: opinion	CDR0066/2003 OJ C 256 24.10.2003, p. 0018-0023	02/07/2003	CofR	

Additional information

European Commission	EUR-Lex
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Final act

[Regulation 2003/1787](#)
[OJ L 270 21.10.2003, p. 0121-0122](#) Summary

Common organisation of the market in milk and milk products: intervention prices

PURPOSE : to amend Regulation 1255/1999/EC on the common organisation of the market in milk and milk products. **CONTENT** : In order to provide a stable perspective for dairy farmers, the Commission proposes the prolongation of a reformed dairy quota system until the 2014/15 campaign. In Berlin in March 1999 the European Council decided to delay the entry into force of reform in the dairy sector due to budgetary considerations. Since unanticipated budgetary resources have become available in the current financial perspective, the Commission strongly believes the dairy reform agreed in Berlin should be advanced by one year in order to achieve the objectives and benefits of the reform at the earliest possible date. Furthermore, it is necessary to reduce the support price for milk with a corresponding quota increase of 1% per year in

2007 and 2008 based on reference quantities after the full implementation of Agenda 2000. The foreseen uniform reduction of 5% per year will be replaced by asymmetric intervention price cuts of 3.5%/year for skimmed milk powder and 7% per year for butter over the five year period. On the whole this 35% reduction in butter prices and 17.5% reduction in skimmed milk powder prices correspond to a global reduction of 28% for EU milk target prices over 5 years. Intervention purchases of butter will be suspended above a limit of 30 000 tonnes per year. Above that limit, it is proposed that purchases may be carried out under a tender procedure. Additional compensation in 2007 and 2008 through direct payments will be made, using the same method of calculation as in Agenda 2000. All dairy payments will be integrated into the single farm payment. (Please refer to CNS/2003/0006).?

Common organisation of the market in milk and milk products: intervention prices

The committee adopted the report by Elisabeth JEGGLE (EPP-ED, D) amending the proposal under the consultation procedure. The committee was concerned that drastic cuts in intervention prices would have a serious impact on the income of dairy cattle farms. It therefore wanted intervention prices for butter and skimmed milk powder to be reduced to a lesser extent than was being proposed by the Commission, and said that these cuts should not come into effect until 1 July 2005, rather than 1 July 2004 as proposed. It also felt that the maximum intervention quantity of 30 000 tonnes which the Commission was proposing for butter was too low and should be increased to 80 000 tonnes in order to stabilise the milk market and prevent farm incomes from collapsing. MEPs also said that less-favoured areas should be entitled to an extra EUR 5 per tonne in support payments, in view of the vital importance of milk production in such regions.?

Common organisation of the market in milk and milk products: intervention prices

The European Parliament adopted the resolution drafted by Elisabeth JEGGLE (EPP-ED, Germany) and made some amendments to the Commission's proposal. (Please see the summary of 20/05/03). The premium amount per tonne of individual reference quantity eligible for premium is set at: - EUR 9.58 for the calendar year 2005, - EUR 19.16 for the calendar year 2006, - EUR 28.74 for the calendar year 2007 and the subsequent calendar years. Before 1 January 2008, the Commission must review the common organisation of the market in milk and milk products with a view to possibly decoupling of this premium.?

Common organisation of the market in milk and milk products: intervention prices

PURPOSE : to amend Regulation 1255/1999/EC on the common organisation of the market in milk and milk products. LEGISLATIVE ACT : Council Regulation 1787/2003/EC amending Regulation 1255/1999/EC on the common organisation of the market in milk and milk products. CONTENT : the Council formally adopted the Regulations on reform of the Common Agricultural Policy, without debate and by a qualified majority, the Portuguese delegation voting against the "horizontal" Regulation and the Regulation establishing a levy in the milk and milk products sector. Statements by the Council, Belgium, France, the Netherlands, Luxembourg, Austria, Finland, the United Kingdom, Portugal (giving reasons for voting against) and the Commission are appended to the legal texts adopted. Initially based on principles (Articles 32 to 38 of the Treaty) intended to ensure self-sufficiency in food for the European Community by increasing agricultural productivity, to guarantee a high income to farmers, to stabilise markets and to provide agricultural products at a reasonable price to consumers, the reformed CAP henceforth introduces a new key element, a pillar of the reform, which is the partial decoupling of production-related aid, based on a reference period (2000-2002); it now makes payment of such aid conditional on compliance with rules on the environment, animal welfare, hygiene standards and preservation of the countryside. The key elements of the new, reformed CAP in a nutshell: - a single farm payment for EU farmers, independent from production; limited coupled elements may be maintained to avoid abandonment of production, - this payment will be linked to the respect of environmental, food safety, animal and plant health and animal welfare standards, as well as the requirement to keep all farmland in good agricultural and environmental condition ("cross-compliance"), - a strengthened rural development policy with more EU money, new measures to promote the environment, quality and animal welfare and to help farmers to meet EU production standards starting in 2005, - a reduction in direct payments ("modulation") for bigger farms to finance the new rural development policy, - a mechanism for financial discipline to ensure that the farm budget fixed until 2013 is not overshot, - revisions to the market policy of the CAP: - asymmetric price cuts in the milk sector: The intervention price for butter will be reduced by 25% over four years, which is an additional price cut of 10% compared to Agenda 2000, for skimmed milk powder a 15% reduction over three years, as agreed in Agenda 2000, is retained, - reduction of the monthly increments in the cereals sector by half, the current intervention price will be maintained, - reforms in the rice, durum wheat, nuts, starch potatoes and dried fodder sectors. - Milk products : the Council decided the prolongation of a reformed dairy quota system until the 2014/15 campaign. The Council decided on asymmetric price cuts in the milk sector. The intervention price for butter will be reduced by 25% (-7% in 2004, 2005, 2006 and -4% in 2007), which is an additional price cut of 10% compared to Agenda 2000. For skimmed milk powder prices will be cut by 15% (in 5% steps over three years from 2004 to 2006), as agreed in Agenda 2000. Intervention purchases of butter will be suspended above a limit of 70 000 tonnes in 2004 and falling to 30 000 from 2007. Above that limit, purchases may be carried out under a tender procedure. The target price for milk will be abolished. The compensation is fixed as follows: EUR 11.81/t in 2004, EUR 23.65 in 2005 and EUR 35.5 from 2006 onwards. The single farm payment will only apply in the dairy sector once the reform is fully implemented, unless Member States decide to introduce it earlier. The Council decided to increase the milk quotas for Greece (+120 000t) and on a temporary exemption for the Azores regarding milk quota implementation of 73 000t in 2003/2004, 61 500t in 2004/2005 and 50 000t from 2005/2006 onwards. ENTRY INTO FORCE : 28/10/03. ?