

Procedure file

Basic information		
CNS - Consultation procedure Regulation	2004/0054(CNS)	Procedure completed
CEEC applicant countries: pre-accession aid for agriculture and rural development		
Amending Regulation (EC) No 1268/1999 1998/0100(CNS)		
Subject 8.20.04 Pre-accession and partnership 8.20.12 Enlargement's agricultural point of view		
Geographical area Romania Bulgaria		

Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
	AGRI Agriculture and Rural Development		26/07/2004
		PPE-DE DAUL Joseph	
	Former committee responsible		
	AGRI Agriculture and Rural Development		
	Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
	BUDG Budgets	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
	Former committee for opinion		
	BUDG Budgets		
Council of the European Union	Council configuration	Meeting	Date
	Economic and Financial Affairs ECOFIN	2617	16/11/2004
European Commission	Commission DG	Commissioner	
	Agriculture and Rural Development		

Key events			
11/03/2004	Legislative proposal published	COM(2004)0163	Summary
19/04/2004	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
16/09/2004	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
21/09/2004	Vote in committee		Summary
23/09/2004	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A6-0009/2004	

14/10/2004	Results of vote in Parliament		
14/10/2004	Decision by Parliament	T6-0018/2004	Summary
16/11/2004	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		
16/11/2004	End of procedure in Parliament		
25/11/2004	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information

Procedure reference	2004/0054(CNS)
Procedure type	CNS - Consultation procedure
Procedure subtype	Legislation
Legislative instrument	Regulation
	Amending Regulation (EC) No 1268/1999 1998/0100(CNS)
Legal basis	EC Treaty (after Amsterdam) EC 181
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	AGRI/5/20791; AGRI/6/21190

Documentation gateway

Legislative proposal		COM(2004)0163	11/03/2004	EC	Summary
Economic and Social Committee: opinion, report		CES0847/2004 OJ C 241 28.09.2004, p. 0021-0022	02/06/2004	ESC	
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		A6-0009/2004	23/09/2004	EP	
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		T6-0018/2004 OJ C 166 07.07.2005, p. 0023-0055 E	14/10/2004	EP	Summary
Economic and Social Committee: opinion, report		CES1434/2004 OJ C 120 20.05.2005, p. 0060-0063	27/10/2004	ESC	

Additional information

European Commission	EUR-Lex
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Final act

Regulation 2004/2008 OJ L 349 25.11.2004, p. 0012-0013 Summary

CEEC applicant countries: pre-accession aid for agriculture and rural development

PURPOSE : to amend the EU Regulation on support measures for agriculture and rural development taking into account the accession of eight countries from central and eastern Europe. PROPOSED ACT : Council Regulation. CONTENT : in 2004 eight of the countries currently benefiting from Regulation 1268/1999 will become members of the European Union. The Commission is seeking to revise the Regulation to benefit those countries which are not becoming EU members. The three main modifications being proposed are: - a new eligible measure enabling rural communities in Bulgaria and Romania to prepare and implement local rural development strategies; - to adapt aid to levels

similar those given to the acceding Member States; - to clarify limits on the levels of aid given. This will have a retrospective effect vis-à-vis all beneficiary countries. The Community contribution will not be allowed to exceed a 75% ceiling of the total eligible public expenditure. However, the ceiling can be: - 80% for measures referred in the 4th, 7th, 11th, and 16th, indent of Article 2 and to infrastructure projects. - 85% for relevant projects under any measure where the Commission determines that exceptional natural disasters have occurred. - 100% for the measures referred to in the 15th indent of Article 2 and Article 7. Public aid will not be allowed to exceed a 50% ceiling of the total cost of the investment. However, the ceiling can be adjusted to: - 55% for investments in agricultural holding made by young farmers; - 60% for investments in agricultural holdings in mountain areas; - 65% for investments in agricultural holdings in mountain areas made by a young farmer; - 75% for investments referred to in paragraph 1 (b) - 100% for investments in infrastructure not of a nature to generate substantial net revenue; - 100% for measures referred to under the 16th indent of Article 2. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS : - Budget heading : 05 05 01 01 (B7-010) Heading 7 - the SAPARD Pre-accession instrument. - Total allocation for action in 2004: EUR 225.2 million for commitment.?

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The committee adopted the report by its chairman, Joseph DAUL (EEP-ED, F), approving the proposal unamended under the consultation procedure.

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The European Parliament adopted the resolution drafted by Joseph DAUL (EPP-ED, France) and approved the proposal.

CEEC applicant countries: pre-accession aid for agriculture and rural development

PURPOSE : to amend the EU Regulation on support measures for agriculture and rural development taking into account the accession of eight countries from central and eastern Europe.

LEGISLATIVE ACT : Council Regulation 2008/2004/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 : the principal points of this Regulation are as follows:

- the support possibilities to prepare rural communities to conceive and implement local rural development strategies in Bulgaria and Romania need to be aligned to those in beneficiary countries that acceded to the Union on 1 May 2004. Therefore this Regulation introduces a measure corresponding to Article 33f of Council Regulation 1257/1999/EC on support for rural development from the European Agricultural Guidance and Guarantee Fund;
- the provisions of 1268/1999/EC as regards limits on aid rates are clarified. At the same time those provisions are amended in such a way that subsidies of a nature to facilitate access to credits granted under other instruments are not taken into account in the application of those aid limits. As this removes a possible ambiguity, that amendment applies with retrospective effect for all beneficiary countries;
- the aid intensity limits in hill and mountain regions of Bulgaria and Romania are aligned from 1 January 2004 to those in less-favoured areas of countries that acceded to the Union on 1 May 2004, for investments in agricultural holdings and for young farmers, as provided for in Article 331(2) of Regulation 1257/1999/EC;
- the aid intensities and the proportion of the Community contribution in total eligible public expenditure for rural development measures involving infrastructure and certain other measures in Bulgaria and Romania, are aligned to those in countries that acceded to the Union on 1 May 2004.

The Community contribution will not be allowed to exceed a 75% ceiling of the total eligible public expenditure. However, the ceiling can be:

- 80% for measures referred in the 4th, 7th, 11th, and 16th, indent of Article 2 and to infrastructure projects.
- 85% for relevant projects under any measure where the Commission determines that exceptional natural disasters have occurred.
- 100% for the measures referred to in the 15th indent of Article 2 and Article 7. Public aid will not be allowed to exceed a 50% ceiling of the total cost of the investment.

However, the ceiling can be adjusted to:

- 55% for investments in agricultural holding made by young farmers;
- 60% for investments in agricultural holdings in mountain areas;
- 65% for investments in agricultural holdings in mountain areas made by a young farmers;
- 75% for investments referred to in paragraph 1 (b);
- 100% for investments in infrastructure not of a nature to generate substantial net revenue
- 100% for measures referred to under the 16th indent of Article 2.

ENTRY INTO FORCE : 28/11/2004.