


# Procedure file

Basic information		
CNS - Consultation procedure Regulation	<a href="#">2006/0108(CNS)</a>	Procedure completed
Common agricultural policy (CAP), financing: milk, milk products, payment of levy due		
Amending Regulation (EC) No 1788/2003 <a href="#">2003/0012(CNS)</a>		
Subject 3.10.05.02 Milk and dairy products 3.10.15 Agricultural production, farm surpluses, shortages and quotas, non-marketing premiums		

Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
	<b>AGRI</b> Agriculture and Rural Development		12/07/2006
		PPE-DE <a href="#">DAUL Joseph</a>	
	Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
	<b>BUDG</b> Budgets	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
Council of the European Union	Council configuration	Meeting	Date
	<a href="#">Agriculture and Fisheries</a>	<a href="#">2750</a>	18/09/2006
European Commission	Commission DG	Commissioner	
	<a href="#">Agriculture and Rural Development</a>	FISCHER BOEL Mariann	

Key events			
23/06/2006	Legislative proposal published	<a href="#">COM(2006)0330</a>	Summary
13/07/2006	Vote in committee		Summary
17/07/2006	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	<a href="#">A6-0245/2006</a>	
05/09/2006	Results of vote in Parliament		
05/09/2006	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
05/09/2006	Decision by Parliament	<a href="#">T6-0329/2006</a>	Summary
18/09/2006	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		
18/09/2006	End of procedure in Parliament		
26/09/2006	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information	
Procedure reference	2006/0108(CNS)
Procedure type	CNS - Consultation procedure
Procedure subtype	Legislation
Legislative instrument	Regulation
	Amending Regulation (EC) No 1788/2003 <a href="#">2003/0012(CNS)</a>
Legal basis	EC Treaty (after Amsterdam) EC 037
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	AGRI/6/38376

Documentation gateway					
Legislative proposal		<a href="#">COM(2006)0330</a>	23/06/2006	EC	Summary
Committee draft report		<a href="#">PE376.559</a>	10/07/2006	EP	
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		<a href="#">A6-0245/2006</a>	17/07/2006	EP	
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		<a href="#">T6-0329/2006</a>	05/09/2006	EP	Summary

Additional information	
National parliaments	<a href="#">IPEX</a>
European Commission	<a href="#">EUR-Lex</a>

Final act
<a href="#">Regulation 2006/1406</a> <a href="#">OJ L 265 26.09.2006, p. 0008-0009</a> Summary

## Common agricultural policy (CAP), financing: milk, milk products, payment of levy due

PURPOSE: to establish a levy in the milk and milk products sector.

PROPOSED ACT: Council Regulation.

CONTENT: in proposing this Regulation, the Commission is trying to achieve two aims. Firstly, to change the date of payment of the milk levy due to the Community budget and secondly, to allow 8 new Member States to transfer totally or partially the national reference quantities for direct sales to the reference quantities for deliveries.

To recall, the provisions for financing CAP, set out in Regulation 1290/2005, state that the milk levy paid by the Member States will be regarded as assigned revenue as from 1 January 2007. Regulation 1788/2003 should be amended accordingly so that the levy due shall be paid by the Member States between 16 October and 30 November each year, as opposed to prior to 1 October as is currently the case.

The second amendment being proposed takes account of changes to the milk market in the new EU Member States. In some of the new Member States, the dairy sector has quickly adapted to the new commercial opportunities of an extended European market, which has resulted in a substantial restructuring process. Due to this situation (as well as thanks to stricter hygiene provisions) it appears that individual producers have chosen not to apply for individual reference quantities for direct sales. As a result the total individual reference quantities allocated to the milk producers for direct sales are substantially below the national reference quantities and unused quantities remain in the national reserves for direct sales. This development hinders further restructuring efforts. As such, the Commission is proposing an exceptional measures, whereby for the quota year 2005-2006 a single transfer of the national reference quantity from direct sales to deliveries upon a new Member States request will be provided.

The Commission urges a rapid adoption of the two amendments as soon as possible, given the urgency of the situation.

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The committee adopted the report by its chair, Joseph DAUL (EPP-ED, FR), approving unamended - under the consultation procedure - the proposed regulation amending Regulation (EC) No 1788/2003 establishing a levy in the milk and milk products sector.

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The European Parliament adopted a resolution drafted by Joseph DAUL (EPP-ED, FR), and approved the Commission's proposal.

## Common agricultural policy (CAP), financing: milk, milk products, payment of levy due

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PURPOSE: to establish a levy in the milk and milk products sector.

LEGISLATIVE ACT: Council Regulation 1406/2006/EC amending Regulation 1788/2003/EC establishing a levy in the milk and milk products sector.

CONTENT: the purpose of this Regulation is to improve budgetary forecasting, and to make budgetary management for levies in the milk and milk product sector, more flexible by amending Regulation 1788/2003/EC, so that the levy is available at the start of the budget year.

Provision has therefore been made for the levy due to be paid between 16 October to 30 November of each year, as opposed to 1 October as was previously the case. In order to make the levy payable by Member States for the years 2005/2006, available at the start of the next budget year, the Regulation provides that the provision concerned applies as from 1 September 2006.

For the Czech Republic, Estonia, Cyprus, Latvia, Lithuania, Hungary, Poland, Slovenia and Slovakia the national reference quantities for direct sales were fixed on the basis of the situation before their accession. However, following the restructuring process in the dairy sectors in the new Member States and because of stricter hygiene provisions for direct sales, it appears that individual producers have not chosen to apply for individual reference quantities for direct sales. As a result the total individual reference quantities allocated to the producers for direct sales are substantially below the national reference quantities. Important unused quantities remain in the national reserves for direct sales.

To solve this problem and to make it possible to use the direct sales quantities that may remain unused in the national reserve, this Regulation allows for the 2005/2006 period for a single transfer of the reference quantities for direct sales to the reference quantities for deliveries upon a requested from a new Member State.

ENTRY INTO FORCE: 3 October 2006.