


Procedure file

Basic information		
CNS - Consultation procedure Regulation	2008/0011(CNS)	Procedure completed
Common organisation of agricultural markets (CMO): flax and hemp sectors		
Amending Regulation (EC) No 1234/2007 2006/0269(CNS)		
Subject 3.10.03 Marketing and trade of agricultural products and livestock 3.10.06.05 Textile plants, cotton		

Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
	AGRI Agriculture and Rural Development	PPE-DE PARISH Neil	18/12/2007
Council of the European Union	Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
	BUDG Budgets	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
European Commission	Council configuration	Meeting	Date
	Agriculture and Fisheries	2860	17/03/2008
European Commission	Commission DG	Commissioner	
	Agriculture and Rural Development	FISCHER BOEL Mariann	

Key events			
29/01/2008	Legislative proposal published	COM(2008)0027	Summary
21/02/2008	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
26/02/2008	Vote in committee		Summary
27/02/2008	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A6-0045/2008	
11/03/2008	Results of vote in Parliament		
11/03/2008	Decision by Parliament	T6-0076/2008	Summary
17/03/2008	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		
17/03/2008	End of procedure in Parliament		
19/03/2008	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information	
Procedure reference	2008/0011(CNS)
Procedure type	CNS - Consultation procedure
Procedure subtype	Legislation
Legislative instrument	Regulation
	Amending Regulation (EC) No 1234/2007 2006/0269(CNS)
Legal basis	EC Treaty (after Amsterdam) EC 037; EC Treaty (after Amsterdam) EC 036
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	AGRI/6/58779

Documentation gateway					
Legislative proposal		COM(2008)0027	29/01/2008	EC	Summary
Committee draft report		PE400.687	05/02/2008	EP	
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		A6-0045/2008	27/02/2008	EP	
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		T6-0076/2008	11/03/2008	EP	Summary

Additional information	
National parliaments	IPEX
European Commission	EUR-Lex

Final act
Regulation 2008/247 OJ L 076 19.03.2008, p. 0001 Summary
Corrigendum to final act 32008R0247R(01) OJ L 010 15.01.2009, p. 0035 Summary

Common organisation of agricultural markets (CMO): flax and hemp sectors

PURPOSE: to extend for one further marketing year (2008-2009) aid granted to the production of short flax fibre and hemp fibre.

PROPOSED ACT: Council Regulation.

BACKGROUND: the processing aid for short flax fibre and hemp fibre, containing not more than 7.5% impurities and shives applies until the end of the marketing year 2007/2008. The introduction of processing aid for fibres has resulted in the elimination of speculative production and the 2000 reform has led to a significant reduction in Community expenditure and the stabilisation of the budget at around EUR 2 million. Further, the reform has resulted in viable growth outlets and generally safeguarded or, in some cases, improved producers' income over the period concerned. Processing aid has supported EU flax and hemp fibre production, all of which have a positive impact on the environment (preservation and biodiversity).

Taking the above into account and given that current processing aid has helped to create jobs in traditionally producing regions, the Commission is proposing to extend the current aid scheme for a further marketing year, 2008-2009.

CONTENT: the purpose of this proposal, therefore, is to amend the existing short flax and hemp fibre Regulation (Regulation (EC) No 1234/2007) establishing the 'Single CMO'. The amendments will allow the current level of EUR 160 per tonne to be maintained and that the aid for short flax and hemp fibres to be kept at EUR 90 per tonne. On the matter of the national guaranteed quantities, the present levels will continue to apply.

As regards the maximum content of impurities and shives, considering that most Member States make use of the 7.5% limit derogation and that certain end-users require a high level of impurities, the current system should be maintained to allow the Member States to grant aid for short flax fibre containing a maximum of 15% of impurities and shives and hemp fibre containing a maximum of 25%.

The additional aid granted to primary processors of long flax fibre in certain traditional production areas of the Netherlands, Belgium and

France will remain unchanged, that is aid of EUR 120 per hectare in zone I and EUR 50 per hectare in zone II, as laid down in Regulation (EC) No 1673/2000.

The Member States will retain responsibility for a number of important issues including:

- THC content controls and the use of authorised hemp varieties;
- accountancy control of authorised primary processors; and
- stock control.

Common organisation of agricultural markets (CMO): flax and hemp sectors

The Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development adopted the report by Neil PARISH (EPP-ED, UK), under the consultation procedure, approving, in its current form, the proposal which aims to amend Regulation (EC) No 1234/2007 establishing a common organisation of agricultural markets and on specific provisions for certain agricultural products (Single CMO Regulation) ? flax and hemp.

Common organisation of agricultural markets (CMO): flax and hemp sectors

The European Parliament adopted, by 566 to 33 with 13 abstentions, a legislative resolution under the consultation procedure, approving the proposal to amend Regulation (EC) N° 1234/2007 establishing a common organisation of agricultural markets and on specific provisions for certain agricultural products (Single CMO Regulation) ? flax and hemp.

The report was tabled for plenary by Neil PARISH (EPP-ED, UK), on behalf of the Committee on Agriculture and rural Development.

Common organisation of agricultural markets (CMO): flax and hemp sectors

PURPOSE: to extend for one further marketing year (2008-2009) aid granted to the production of short flax fibre and hemp fibre.

LEGISLATIVE ACT: Council Regulation (EC) No 247/2008 amending Regulation (EC) No 1234/2007 establishing a common organisation of agricultural markets and on specific provisions for certain agricultural products (Single CMO Regulation).

CONTENT: the processing aid for short flax fibre and hemp fibre, containing not more than 7.5% impurities and shives applies until the end of the marketing year 2007/2008. However, as a result of favourable market conditions, the Council has adopted this Regulation extending, as from 1 July 2008 until 2009, the aid scheme for processing flax and hemp straw into fibre.

The current level of EUR 160 per tonne for the 2008/2009 marketing year and will increase up to EUR 200 per tonne from the 2009/2010 marketing year onwards.

The additional aid granted to processors of long flax fibre in traditional production areas of Belgium, France and the Netherlands will remain unchanged during the 2008/2009 marketing year (EUR 120 per hectare or EUR 50 per hectare depending on the production zone).

The aid for short flax and hemp fibres will be kept at EUR 90 per tonne. In order to promote the production of high-quality short flax and hemp fibres, the aid is granted to fibres containing a maximum of 7,5 % of impurities and shives. However, the Member States may derogate from this limit and grant processing aid for short flax fibre containing a larger percentage of impurities.

The maximum guaranteed quantity per marketing year is 80 878 tonnes for long flax fibre and 147 265 tonnes for short flax fibre and hemp fibre.

ENTRY INTO FORCE: 26 March 2008

APPLICATION: as from 01 July 2008.

Common organisation of agricultural markets (CMO): flax and hemp sectors

PURPOSE: Corrigendum to Commission Decision 2008/984/EC amending Annex C to Council Directive 64/432/EEC and Decision 2004/226/EC as regards diagnostic tests for bovine brucellosis.

CONTENT: on page 40, point 1: for Annex C to Directive 64/432/EEC is replaced by the following: read: ?1. In Annex C to Directive 64/432/EEC points 1, 2 and 3 are replaced by the following:?.