

Procedure file

Basic information		
CNS - Consultation procedure Regulation	1994/0200(CNS)	Procedure completed
Aid for cotton introduced by Protocol 4, annexed to the Act of Accession of Greece, fourth adjustment		
Subject 3.10.06.05 Textile plants, cotton		

Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
	AGRI Agriculture and Rural Development		05/10/1994
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	Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
	BUDG Budgets		
Council of the European Union	Council configuration	Meeting	Date
	Culture	1799	10/11/1994

Key events			
09/09/1994	Legislative proposal published	COM(1994)0377	Summary
24/10/1994	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
24/10/1994	Vote in committee		Summary
24/10/1994	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A4-0035/1994	
28/10/1994	Debate in Parliament		
28/10/1994	Decision by Parliament	T4-0096/1994	Summary
10/11/1994	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		
10/11/1994	End of procedure in Parliament		
15/11/1994	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information	
Procedure reference	1994/0200(CNS)
Procedure type	CNS - Consultation procedure

Procedure subtype	Legislation
Legislative instrument	Regulation
Legal basis	EC before Amsterdam E 000; Rules of Procedure EP 163
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	AGRI/4/06033

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Legislative proposal		COM(1994)0377 OJ C 269 27.09.1994, p. 0008	09/09/1994	EC	Summary
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		A4-0035/1994 OJ C 323 21.11.1994, p. 0026	24/10/1994	EP	
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		T4-0096/1994 OJ C 323 21.11.1994, p. 0487-0497	28/10/1994	EP	Summary

Additional information

European Commission	EUR-Lex
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Final act

Regulation 1994/2760 OJ L 294 15.11.1994, p. 0001-0001 Summary

Aid for cotton introduced by Protocol 4, annexed to the Act of Accession of Greece, fourth adjustment

In accordance with Article 2 of Regulation (EEC) No 1964/97 adjusting the system of aid for cotton, the maximum reduction of the norm price applied to cotton in the case of an overrun of the maximum guaranteed quantity was limited to 20% from the 1994/95 marketing year whilst the limit for the 1993/94 campaign was limited to 15%. In order to prevent the increase in this maximum limit from 15% to 20% having damaging repercussions for operators, this proposal for a regulation provided for the adjustment to be introduced progressively by applying an intermediate limit of 18.5% for the 1994/95 marketing year. ?

Aid for cotton introduced by Protocol 4, annexed to the Act of Accession of Greece, fourth adjustment

The committee unanimously adopted the report on the proposal, adjusting for the fourth time, the system of aid for cotton introduced by protocol 4, annexed to the Act of Accession of Greece. Under the terms of Regulation 1964/87 the maximum reduction of the norm price applied to cotton, in the case of an overrun of the maximum guaranteed quantity, should have been 20% for the 1994/95 marketing year. The maximum guaranteed quantity for 1994/95 was set at 701 000t, while production amounted to 1.15mt of which 1m was in Greece and 0.15mt in Spain. The Commission proposed, therefore, that as the 1993/94 limit was 15% and in order not to cause undue hardship to farmers, an interim limit of 18.5% should be set for the 1994/95 marketing year. There was a general desire in the committee to see a Commission report on the current market situation as soon as possible, something which it had failed to do within the specified time limits. The committee rejected therefore the Commission's compromise of 18.5% and voted by a majority to maintain the current limit of 15%. The committee also called on the Commission to submit proposals as to how to modify the cotton regime so as to divide the maximum guaranteed quantity and to assign equitable quotas to each of the producer Member states. ?

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Parliament approved the Commission proposal with 10 amendments aimed at: - underlining that the Commission had failed to fulfil the obligation to submit a report on the current market situation, in the context of the price proposals for 1994/95 which should result in the penalty limit for this marketing year remaining the same, - highlighting the fact that aid to cotton had decreased compared to its price on the international market, which had doubled, - pointing out that it was important to modify the current situation in which the maximum guaranteed quantity was much lower than the level of production and, since it was an overall total, any increase in production in one Member State would

cause a corresponding reduction in the norm price for all Community producers, - ensuring that the Commission should work to ensure more equitable management of the market, dividing the maximum guaranteed quantity between the producer countries, with this maximum quantity being divided into two separate reference quantities for Greece and Spain, - maintaining for the 1995/96 marketing year the limits of 15% and 5% of the norm price envisaged for the 1994/95 marketing year, - ensuring that the Commission submitted to the Council and Parliament a report on the management of the market in cotton and proposals providing for a division of the maximum guaranteed quantity to assign equitable quotas to each Member State. ?

Aid for cotton introduced by Protocol 4, annexed to the Act of Accession of Greece, fourth adjustment

Regulation (EEC) No 1964/87 adjusting the system of aid for cotton stipulated that the maximum reduction of the norm price applied if the maximum guaranteed quantity was exceeded was limited to 20% from the 1994/95 marketing year whilst the reduction for the 1993/94 marketing year was limited to 15%. In order to prevent the increase in the maximum reduction limit from 15% to 20% having damaging repercussions for operators, the Council regulation provided for the adjustment to be introduced progressively by applying an intermediate limit of 18.5 % for the 1994/95 marketing year. ?