

# Procedure file

Basic information		
CNS - Consultation procedure Regulation	1994/0195(CNS)	Procedure completed
Agricultural products: measures for the benefit of French overseas departments (amend. Regul. 3763/91/EEC)		
Subject 4.70.06 Outlying and outermost regions, overseas countries and territories		
Geographical area France		

Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
	<b>AGRI</b> Agriculture and Rural Development		24/10/1994
		EDN <a href="#">POISSON Anne Christine</a>	
	Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
Council of the European Union	<b>BUDG</b> Budgets		
	<b>REGI</b> Regional Policy	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
	Council configuration	Meeting	Date
	<a href="#">General Affairs</a>	<a href="#">1878</a>	30/10/1995
	<a href="#">General Affairs</a>	<a href="#">1871</a>	02/10/1995

Key events			
30/09/1994	Legislative proposal published	COM(1994)0344	Summary
14/11/1994	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
20/12/1994	Vote in committee		Summary
20/12/1994	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	<a href="#">A4-0118/1994</a>	
20/01/1995	Debate in Parliament		
20/01/1995	Decision by Parliament	T4-0031/1995	Summary
30/10/1995	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		Summary
30/10/1995	End of procedure in Parliament		
09/11/1995	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information	
Procedure reference	1994/0195(CNS)
Procedure type	CNS - Consultation procedure
Procedure subtype	Legislation
Legislative instrument	Regulation
Legal basis	EC before Amsterdam E 043
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	AGRI/4/06152

Documentation gateway					
Legislative proposal		<a href="#">COM(1994)0344</a> <a href="#">OJ C 290 18.10.1994, p. 0004</a>	30/09/1994	EC	Summary
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		<a href="#">A4-0118/1994</a> <a href="#">OJ C 043 20.02.1995, p. 0004</a>	20/12/1994	EP	
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		T4-0031/1995 <a href="#">OJ C 043 20.02.1995, p. 0120-0132</a>	20/01/1995	EP	Summary

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

Final act
<a href="#">Regulation 1995/2598</a> <a href="#">OJ L 267 09.11.1995, p. 0001</a> Summary

## Agricultural products: measures for the benefit of French overseas departments (amend. Regul. 3763/91/EEC)

On the basis of the Commission's 1992/1993 assessment report on the progress made in implementing the Poseidon programme, on the problems encountered in the implementation of agricultural measures and on the new applications submitted to the Commission by France, this proposal aimed to introduce the necessary changes. The amendments related to the following points: - extending the specific supply system, which was designed to relieve the additional costs engendered by the remoteness and insularity of the French overseas departments, to other products in order to meet the needs of the processing industries which were located in these highly peripheral regions so as to respond to the demands of local consumption; - measures which sought to strengthen the effectiveness of existing provisions for the development of local cattle-breeding and milk-production industries. These measures concerned, firstly, the replacement of aid for the consumption of fresh milk products by aid for production, and, secondly, the introduction of derogations for certain measures which applied to common market organisations affected by the restriction to production; - modifying the system of support for production in the fruit, vegetable and flower growing sectors, which involved replacing aid for production, which did not differentiate between products, by a mechanism designed to promote the local marketing of quality products within the framework of annual marketing contracts; this modification also included support for the processing and marketing of tropical fruit and vegetables which were harvested and processed in the French overseas departments. ?

## Agricultural products: measures for the benefit of French overseas departments (amend. Regul. 3763/91/EEC)

The committee adopted the report on the Commission's proposals for specific measures in respect of certain agricultural products for the benefit of the French overseas departments. The purpose of these provisions, which also apply to the Canaries, the Azores, Madeira and to some extent the Aegean islands, is to compensate for the supply and marketing difficulties caused by their highly peripheral position with regard to the rest of the Union. The committee adopted a number of technical amendments aimed at improving the Commission text, which the Commission promised to study.

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The European Parliament approved this proposal for a regulation with the following amendments: - the measures should be implemented over a five-year period starting when the programme was approved and at the latest on 1 January 1996. They should also benefit Guadeloupe (in addition to Martinique and Réunion); - the amount of aid should be increased by 10% (instead of 5%) in the case of contracts concluded by producer organisations or associations thereof; - with regard to aid granted for the production and marketing of certain fruit and vegetables, the EP stated that aid should also be paid up to a limit of a volume of trade of 3 000 tonnes per product per year and per department. This volume could be increased to 5 000 tonnes for melons marketed out of season; - in the annex, Parliament added a new heading concerning anhydrous milkfat or concentrated butter for use in the manufacture of butter. ?

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- OBJECTIVE: On the basis of the Commission's 1992/1993 assessment report on the progress made in implementing the Poseidon programme, on the problems encountered in the implementation of agricultural measures and on the new applications submitted to the Commission by France, to amend Regulation (EEC) No 3763/91 concerning specific measures in respect of certain agricultural products for the benefit of the French overseas departments. - SUBSTANCE: Council Regulation (EC) No 2598/95 introduces the following modifications: - to extend the specific supply system, which is designed to relieve the additional costs engendered by the remoteness and insularity of the French overseas departments, to other products in order to meet the needs of the processing industries which are located in these highly peripheral regions so as to respond to the demands of local consumption; - to extend the period of application of measures intended to meet the needs of French Guiana in respect of composite animal feedstuffs until facilities for the manufacture of such products can operate effectively in this department; - to increase the volume of rice production in Guiana benefitting from aid for disposal and marketing in Guadeloupe and Martinique; - to introduce measures which seek to strengthen the effectiveness of existing provisions for the development of local cattle-breeding and milk-production industries. These measures concern, firstly, the replacement of aid for the consumption of fresh milk products by aid for production, and, secondly, the introduction of derogations for certain measures which apply to common market organisations which are affected by the restriction to production; - to modify the system of support for production in the fruit, vegetable and flower growing sectors, which involves replacing aid for production (which does not differentiate between products) by a mechanism designed to promote the local marketing of quality products within the framework of annual marketing contracts; this modification also includes support for the processing and marketing of tropical fruit and vegetables which are harvested and processed in the French overseas departments. - ENTRY INTO FORCE: 12.11.1995. ?

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Following the political agreement reached on 2 October 1995, the Council unanimously adopted (the German delegation abstaining) the Regulation amending Regulation (EEC) No 3763/91 introducing specific measures in respect of certain agricultural products for the benefit of the French Overseas Departments (FOD). The aim of the programme is to adapt certain Poseidon measures (programme of options specific to the remote and insular nature of the French Overseas Departments introduced in 1989), which was made necessary by the outcome of the Commission progress report for 1992-1993 on the measures undertaken to implement the POSEIDOM programme and Regulation (EEC) No 3763/91. The amendments involve extending the period of applicability of the measures for meeting the needs of the department of French Guiana as regards compound feedingstuffs, increasing the volume of rice production in French Guiana, extending the period in which the specific supply arrangements relating to bovine animals for fattening and consumption in the FOD apply, improving the conditions under which the local FOD market is supplied with fresh milk products and aid for marketing fruit and vegetables for the exclusive supply of the FOD market.