

# Procedure file

Basic information		
CNS - Consultation procedure Regulation	<a href="#">1994/0280(CNS)</a>	Procedure completed
Specific programme for the modernization of the textile and clothing industry (financial assistance for Portugal)		
Subject 3.40.10 Textile and clothing industry, leathers		
Geographical area Portugal		

Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
	<b>REGI</b> Regional Policy		26/01/1995
		ELDR <a href="#">VALLVÉ Joan</a>	
	Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
<b>BUDG</b> Budgets		21/02/1995	
	EDN <a href="#">FABRE-AUBRESPY Hervé</a>		
<b>ECON</b> Economic and Monetary Affairs, Industrial Policy			16/02/1995
	PSE <a href="#">TORRES MARQUES Helena</a>		
<b>CONT</b> Budgetary Control		The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
Council of the European Union	Council configuration	Meeting	Date
	<a href="#">General Affairs</a>	<a href="#">1844</a>	10/04/1995

Key events			
30/11/1994	Legislative proposal published	COM(1994)0562	Summary
20/01/1995	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
14/03/1995	Vote in committee		
14/03/1995	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	<a href="#">A4-0043/1995</a>	
17/03/1995	Debate in Parliament		
17/03/1995	Decision by Parliament	T4-0129/1995	Summary

10/04/1995	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		
10/04/1995	End of procedure in Parliament		
20/04/1995	Final act published in Official Journal		

### Technical information

Procedure reference	1994/0280(CNS)
Procedure type	CNS - Consultation procedure
Procedure subtype	Legislation
Legislative instrument	Regulation
Legal basis	Rules of Procedure EP 163; EC before Amsterdam E 130B
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	REGI/4/06366

### Documentation gateway

Legislative proposal	<a href="#">COM(1994)0562</a> <a href="#">OJ C 373 29.12.1994, p. 0014</a>	30/11/1994	EC	Summary
Economic and Social Committee: opinion, report	<a href="#">CES0188/1995</a> <a href="#">OJ C 110 02.05.1995, p. 0018</a>	22/02/1995	ESC	Summary
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	<a href="#">A4-0043/1995</a> <a href="#">OJ C 089 10.04.1995, p. 0051</a>	14/03/1995	EP	
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading	T4-0129/1995 <a href="#">OJ C 089 10.04.1995, p. 0193-0226</a>	17/03/1995	EP	Summary

### Additional information

European Commission	<a href="#">EUR-Lex</a>
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### Final act

<a href="#">Regulation 1995/852</a> <a href="#">OJ L 086 20.04.1995, p. 0010</a> Summary
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## Specific programme for the modernization of the textile and clothing industry (financial assistance for Portugal)

The proposal for a regulation relates to the provision of financial assistance to Portugal for a specific programme for the modernization of the textile and clothing industry. This five-year programme (1995-1999) aims to enable Portugal to adapt to increasing international competition in this sector, which is of great importance for the country. The programme shall be jointly financed by Portugal and the Community, with the Community's contribution amounting to ECU 400 million. The Portuguese undertakings operating in this sector may also receive EIB loans and interest subsidies, up to a total amount of ECU 100 million, paid from the special allocation of ECU 400 million. The provisions of the regulations governing the Funds, particularly those concerning rates of assistance, eligibility of expenditure, financial execution, etc., shall apply. The legal basis for the proposal is the final paragraph of Article 130 B, and not that which is used for the Structural Funds. This modification of the legal basis is explained by the fact that Parliament agreed to include the financial means relating to this programme in one of the budget chapters which comes under heading III of the financial perspectives and therefore lies outside the Structural Funds. The Regulation shall apply retrospectively as from 1.07.1994. ?

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The Committee welcomed the draft Council Regulation and noted that it referred back to Commission communication 94/C/180/04 of 15 June 1994. The comments in the Committee's Opinion on this proposal [(1) Doc. ESC 761/94 (?Community initiatives?, OJ C 295 of 22.10.1994)] still held true, notwithstanding the change in the legal basis for the proposal whose objective was still to promote economic and social cohesion. The Committee noted the importance of complying with national legislation on labour conditions and deemed it essential to secure effective involvement of regional and local authorities and the economic and social partners in preparing, carrying out and assessing the proposed measures, in accordance with Article 4 of the Framework Regulation on the Structural Funds, also referred to in the present proposal.

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The proposal for a regulation was approved subject to a number of major amendments: - the title was changed in order to put more emphasis on the modernization programme itself (and less on the financial assistance); - Parliament set this action back in the context of general Community actions to promote economic and social cohesion and stressed that the programme should contribute towards the improvement of the entire Portuguese textile and clothing industry; - the eligible measures and the conditions for granting Community assistance were clearly set out in an annex specifically provided for this purpose ("application arrangements"): . eligible measures: aid for financing feasibility studies for undertakings which intend to carry out modernization; aid for the redeployment of personnel whose jobs are threatened (training); temporary aid for SMEs undergoing restructuring; financing of company modernization programmes (e.g. production facilities); aid for setting up coordination teams who will be responsible for making undertakings more aware of improvements in know-how; readaptation aid to help undertakings comply with environmental requirements. . conditions of eligibility: verification that the plans being put forward by the undertakings are consistent with the Commission's overall strategy; compliance with the eligibility criteria which apply to Portugal (no specific Community scheme); compliance with national employment legislation; . implementation: Portugal is to submit an operational programme within 4 months of the Regulation being published, with the help of the regional authorities and social partners. The proposals should include a schedule of the actions which are to be implemented. The Commission shall, by 31.12.1997 at the latest, submit a report on the implementation of the programme, together with a general assessment report at the conclusion of the programme. ?

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**OBJECTIVE:** to establish a specific programme for the modernisation of the Portuguese textile and clothing industry in order to facilitate its adaptation to increasing international competition. **COMMUNITY MEASURES:** Council Regulation (EC) No 852/95 on the grant of financial assistance to Portugal for a specific programme for the modernisation of the Portuguese textile and clothing industry. **SUBSTANCE:** This five-year programme (1995-1999) aims to enable Portugal to adapt to increasing international competition in this sector, which is of great importance for the country. The programme shall be jointly financed by Portugal and the Community, with the Community's contribution amounting to ECU 400 million (at 1994 prices). The annual appropriations shall be authorised by the budget authority within the limits of the financial perspectives. Undertakings benefiting from loans granted by the EIB or other financial bodies for the purposes of this programme may qualify for interest subsidies, up to a total amount of ECU 100 million, paid from the allocation of ECU 400 million. The eligible measures and the conditions for granting Community assistance are set out in the annex to the Regulation. With regard to implementation of the programme, the Commission will assess, in conjunction with the Portuguese authorities, compliance with the overall strategy agreed. The regional and local authorities and the social partners must be involved in the most appropriate manner in the preparation and implementation of the programme. The provisions of the regulations governing the Structural Funds, particularly those concerning rates of assistance, eligibility of expenditure, financial execution and control and indexation shall apply. Expenditure submitted under this programme will be eligible from 1 January 1995. The Commission shall, by 31 December 1997 at the latest, submit to the EP, the Council, the Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions a report on the implementation of this programme and, as soon as possible, a general assessment report. **ENTRY INTO FORCE:** 20 April 1995. ?