Procedure file

Basic information

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Subject
5.10.01 Convergence of economic policies, public deficit, interest rates

Key players

European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
	ECON Economic and Monetary Affairs, Industrial Policy	PSE TORRES MARQUES Helena	25/01/1995
Council of the European Union	Council configuration	Meeting	Date
	Agriculture and Fisheries	1940	25/06/1996
	Economic and Financial Affairs ECOFIN	1887	27/11/1995
	Economic and Financial Affairs ECOFIN	1846	22/05/1995

Key events

16/12/1994	Legislative proposal published	COM(1994)0593	Summary
07/04/1995	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
22/05/1995	Debate in Council	1846	
19/07/1995	Vote in committee		Summary
19/07/1995	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A4-0175/1995	
10/10/1995	Debate in Parliament		Summary
11/10/1995	Decision by Parliament	T4-0453/1995	Summary
25/06/1996	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		Summary
25/06/1996	End of procedure in Parliament		

30/11/1996	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information

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Documentation gateway

Legislative proposal		COM(1994)0593	16/12/1994	EC	Summary
Economic and Social Committee: opinion, report		CES0312/1995 OJ C 133 31.05.1995, p. 0002	29/03/1995	ESC	Summary
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		A4-0175/1995 OJ C 269 16.10.1995, p. 0009	19/07/1995	EP	
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		T4-0453/1995 OJ C 287 30.10.1995, p. 0077-0110	11/10/1995	EP	Summary
Legislative proposal		COM(1999)0488 OJ C 021 25.01.2000, p. 0068 E	18/10/1999	EC	

Additional information

European Commission	EUR-Lex

Final act

Regulation 1996/2223
OJ L 310 30.11.1996, p. 0001 Summary

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The aim of the draft regulation was to establish: - a methodology on common standards, definitions, classifications and accounting rules, to be known as the European System of Accounts (ESA), which would be used for compiling accounts and tables on comparable bases for the purposes of the Community (Annex A); - a programme for transmitting to the Commission (Eurostat), on precise dates, the accounts and tables compiled according to the ESA (Annex B). The first transmission of data in accordance with the ESA-95 would be undertaken for the years 1995, 1996 and 1997, and as from 1.1.1998 at the latest. The deadline would be extended for certain Member States, and would expire on or before 1.1.2005. The action seeks to harmonize the concepts and nomenclatures used for data collection, and to define the type of information required by the main users: Community institutions, national, regional and local administrations, international organizations, economic operators and research bodies. The collection process itself and the methods used for this collection would be the responsibility of the Member States, all of which are affected by the proposal. The programme also seeks to propose that statistical surveys or statistical

processing surveys, based on existing data, be undertaken of the statistical systems operated by Member States, in accordance with the common procedures used in national accounting. ?

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The ESC approved the proposal for a regulation and its annexes and noted that the Member States would not be obliged to comply with ESA 95 when compiling accounts for their own needs. It urged that the deadline laid down in Article 7 for the ?first transmission? be the same for all Member States.

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The Committee adopted the report. No further amendments were submitted and all those proposed by the rapporteur were adopted. The report had a double objective: to permit the implementation of a methodology (the European system of accounts - ESA) for compiling accounts and tables on the basis of comparable data (Annex A) and to guarantee the conditions needed for the transmission of data by a programme for the transmission of national accounts data (Annex B). The most important of the amendments adopted relate to: greater emphasis on transparency, the ending of additional time periods for the transfer of data by Member States beyond 1 January 1995, and measures designed to prevent normal rules of confidentiality from standing in the way of the objectives of comparability and compatibility of ESA statistical data. ?

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When presenting the amendments adopted by the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs, the rapporteur pointed out that the most important amendments related to: greater emphasis on transparency, the ending of additional time periods for the transfer of data by Member States beyond 1 January 1995, and measures designed to prevent normal rules of confidentiality from standing in the way of the objectives of comparability and compatibility of statistical data for the ESA. In her response Commissioner Bjerregaard emphasised that the harmonisation of statistics would improve information and the comparability of data. As that would make it easier to assess the coordination of economic policies, it would also help to prepare for Economic and Monetary Union. Moreover, she felt that it would be difficult to depart from the timetable in the initial proposal. She stated the Commission had reservations about most of the amendments.

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In adopting the report by Mrs Helena TORRES MARQUES (PSE, P), Parliament approved the proposal for certain amendments relating mainly to the following: - greater emphasis on transparency (data obtained by the Commission, with the exception of confidential information, should be accessible to each citizen of the EU who requests it); - the ending of additional time periods for the transfer of data by Member States beyond 1 January 1995; - measures designed to prevent normal rules of confidentiality from standing in the way of the objectives of comparability and compatibility of statistical data for the 1995 European system of accounts (ESA); - the provision of information to Parliament on the impact of introducing the new ESA in each Member State; this information should be available before 01.01.2000; - assessment of the operation of the 1995 ESA in 1999, to be followed by possible proposals for amendment from the Commission before 01.01.2000. ?

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OBJECTIVE: to obtain, with a view to the implementation and supervision of EMU, comparable, up-to-date and reliable information on the structure and development in the economic situation of each country and/or region. COMMUNITY MEASURE: Council Regulation (EC) No 2223/96 on the European system of national and regional accounts in the Community SUBSTANCE: the purpose of the regulation is to set up a European system of accounts (the 1995 ESA) by establishing for: - a methodology on common standards, definitions, classification and accounting rules intended to be used for compiling accounts and tables on comparable bases for the purposes of the Community (Annex A), - a programme for transmitting to the Commission (Eurostat), on precise dates, the accounts and tables compiled according to the ESA 95 (Annex C). ENTRY INTO FORCE: 1 November 1996.?

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The Council formally adopted the Regulation.