Procedure file

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Cereals: common organisation of the markets COM (amend. Regul. 1766/92/EEC)		
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Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
	Agriculture and Rural Development		22/03/1995
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	Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
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Council of the European Union	Council configuration	Meeting	Date
	Social Affairs	1862	17/07/1995

Key events			
07/03/1995	Legislative proposal published	COM(1995)0024	Summary
03/04/1995	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
31/05/1995	Vote in committee		Summary
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16/06/1995	Debate in Parliament		Summary
27/06/1995	Decision by Parliament	T4-0324/1995	Summary
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Technical information		

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Additional information	
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Regulation 1995/1863
OJ L 179 29.07.1995, p. 0001 Summary

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The proposal for a regulation seeks to extend the quota system for the production of potato starch to the new Member States. The quotas are established on the basis of actual starch production during 1993, which is the representative year for production. At the same time, the current Council Regulation is amended in order: - to ensure that the compensation payment due to the farmer is limited to the quantity of potatoes which corresponds to the sub-quota of the starch production plant; - to correct an error which could lead to an inaccurate interpretation of the quantity which must be exported without benefit of restitution.?

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The ESC approved the Commission proposal subject to some minor comments. It regretted that the Commission had not used the necessary adaptation of the present Regulation to tailor the quota system more closely to the needs of the potato starch sector. It pointed out that in its Opinion on the farm price proposals (OJ C 148 of 30 May 1994), it had called for a degree of flexibility in the administration of the quota arrangements to enable potato starch producers: - to utilise, in addition to their quota for a marketing year, more than the present 5% of their next year?s quota (e.g. 10 %); - to take up any part of their previous year?s quota that they were not able to use because of a shortfall in the potato harvest since potato production could vary considerably from one year to the next on account of the weather.

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The Committee adopted by a majority decision, the report by Mrs Veronica HARDSTAFF (PES, UK) on the Commission's proposals to amend the quota system in relation to the production of potato starch. The Commission's proposals, which were limited to adapting the regulations to cover the new Member States, were accepted without change by the Committee. Members were divided however on suggested amendments from the rapporteur, which aimed to check production of potato starch in the other Member States, by reviewing quotas one year earlier than proposed by the Commission. Mrs HARDSTAFF considered that production should be more closely linked to EU requirements and that no more than 10% of the quota should be exported, thus leading to savings in the payment of export refunds.?

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Parliament adopted the proposal for a regulation, though only in part. The result of the vote on the proposal has been put on the agenda for the second session in June in accordance with Article 112(3) of Parliament's Rules of Procedure. The amendments already adopted mainly state (in the recital) that a quota should be allocated to Denmark, Germany, Spain, France and the Netherlands, to be used during the 1995/96 and 1996/97 marketing years.

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The European Parliament adopted this proposal for a regulation with the amendments adopted on 16 June 1995 and the following amendments: - a premium of ECU 22.25 per tonne of starch produced would be paid to undertakings producing potato starch for the quantity of starch produced within the maximum quota limit, provided that they had paid to potato producers the minimum price, referred to in Article 8 of Regulation (EEC) No 1766/92, for all the potatoes necessary to produce starch up to that quota limit; - on or before 31 October 1997 and thereafter at three-yearly intervals, the Commission should present to the Council and the European Parliament a report on the allocation of quotas within the Community, accompanied by appropriate proposals. This report should take account of the development of the potato-starch market as well as that of the cereal-starch market.?

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The Council adopted Regulation (EC) No 1863/95 which seeks to amend Regulation (EEC) No 1766/92 on the common organisation of the grains market and Regulation (EC) No 1868/94 establishing a quota system for the production of potato starch. The present regulation seeks to extend the quota system to the new Member States. Quotas are established on the basis of actual starch production during 1993, which is the representative year for production, and are distributed as follows for the 3 countries concerned: . Austria: 49,100 tonnes . Finland: 54,750 tonnes . Sweden: 63,900 tonnes. The total quantity for potato starch production is 1,759,750 tonnes (which comprises production from the 3 new Member States plus Denmark, Germany, Spain, France and the Netherlands). At the same time, the current Council regulation introduces amendments which seek: - to ensure that the compensation payment due to the farmer is limited to the quantity of potatoes which corresponds to the sub-quota of the starch production plant; - to correct an error which could lead to an inaccurate interpretation of the quantity which must be exported without benefit of restitution. In adopting the regulation, the Council did not take account of the amendments proposed by the European Parliament. The regulation enters into force on 29.07.1995 and is applicable from 01.07.1995. ?