

# Procedure file

Basic information	
CNS - Consultation procedure Directive	1995/0138(CNS) Procedure completed
Finland: list of less-favoured farming areas within the meaning of Directive 75/268/EEC	
Subject 3.10.01.06 Less-favoured agricultural areas	
Geographical area Finland	

Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
	<b>AGRI</b> Agriculture and Rural Development		
Council of the European Union	Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
	<b>BUDG</b> Budgets		
	Council configuration	Meeting	Date
	<a href="#">Agriculture and Fisheries</a>	<a href="#">1869</a>	25/09/1995

Key events			
07/06/1995	Legislative proposal published	COM(1995)0236	Summary
10/07/1995	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
19/07/1995	Vote in committee		Summary
22/09/1995	Decision by Parliament	T4-0422/1995	Summary
25/09/1995	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		
25/09/1995	End of procedure in Parliament		
10/10/1995	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information	
Procedure reference	1995/0138(CNS)
Procedure type	CNS - Consultation procedure
Procedure subtype	Legislation
Legislative instrument	Directive

Legal basis	Rules of Procedure EP 52-p1; EC before Amsterdam E 000
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	AGRI/4/06888

### Documentation gateway

Legislative proposal	<a href="#">COM(1995)0236</a> <a href="#">OJ C 193 27.07.1995, p. 0008</a>	08/06/1995	EC	Summary
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading	T4-0422/1995 <a href="#">OJ C 269 16.10.1995, p. 0192-0198</a>	22/09/1995	EP	Summary

### Additional information

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

<a href="#">Directive 1995/412</a> <a href="#">OJ L 241 10.10.1995, p. 0023</a> Summary
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## Finland: list of less-favoured farming areas within the meaning of Directive 75/268/EEC

This proposal for a directive aimed to draw up a list of less-favoured agricultural areas in Finland, in accordance with Article 2(1) of Directive 75/268/EEC. According to Declaration No 37 of the Act of Accession of Finland to the European Union, the listed areas should be defined in accordance with the *acquis communautaire* and, in the case of Finland, taking account of the northern latitude as a permanent natural handicap affecting the country's agricultural production. On the basis of these criteria, the Finnish Government had proposed to the Commission a list of communes (Kunta-Kommun) which were liable to appear on the Community list of less-favoured areas. The areas in question complied with the specifications laid down in Article 3(3), (4) and (5) of Directive 75/268/EEC, namely: - mountainous areas, insofar as the difficult climatic conditions caused by their northern latitude resulted in a much shorter growing season (Article 3(3)); - less-favoured areas from an agricultural point of view, characterised by poor productivity and low agricultural incomes (Article 3(4)); - less-favoured areas affected by specific handicaps (small area, hilly ground, poor hydrographic situation, coastal islands, frontier zones, etc.) where farming had to be continued to conserve the countryside (Article 3 (5)). The application of these indices corresponded to 85% of the country's agricultural land. The areas with specific handicaps did not exceed 4% of Finland's surface area. The amount of Community expenditure set aside for the compensatory allowances for farmers in these areas would be included in the overall amount allocated to Objectives 5a and 6 of the Structural Funds. ?

## Finland: list of less-favoured farming areas within the meaning of Directive 75/268/EEC

The Committee on Agriculture approved the proposal for a directive. ?

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Parliament approved the proposal for a directive in accordance with the procedure provided for under Article 143 of its Rules of Procedure (procedure without report). ?

## Finland: list of less-favoured farming areas within the meaning of Directive 75/268/EEC

- OBJECTIVE: to present a list of disadvantaged agricultural zones in Finland which, according to Article 2 of Directive 75/268/EEC, are to be included in the Community list of disadvantaged agricultural zones. - COMMUNITY MEASURE: Council Directive 95/412/EC on the list of disadvantaged agricultural zones as defined by Directive 75/268/EEC (Finland). - SUBSTANCE: According to Declaration No 37 of the Act of Accession of Finland to the European Union, the listed zones are defined in accordance with the *acquis* and, in the case of Finland, taking account of the northern latitude as a permanent natural handicap affecting that country's agricultural production. The Finnish Government has put forward a list of communes (Kunta-Kommun) based on these different criteria. These communes are listed in the Annex to the directive and are to be included on the Community list of disadvantaged zones. The areas in question comply with the specifications laid down in Article 3(3, 4 and 5) of Directive 75/268/EEC, namely: - mountainous zones, insofar as the difficult climatic conditions caused by their northern latitude result in a much shorter vegetation period (Article 3(3)); - zones which are disadvantaged from an agricultural point of view and characterized by poor soil productivity and low agricultural revenues (Article 3(4)); - disadvantaged zones which have specific handicaps (small area, hilly ground, poor hydrographic situation, coastal or lake-based islands, frontier zones, etc.) and where agriculture has to be supported in

order to maintain the natural environment (Article 3 (5)). The application of these indices results in an 85% coverage of the country's agricultural land. Zones having specific handicaps do not exceed 4% of Finland's land surface. The amount of Community expenditure on compensation payments to farmers operating in these zones shall be considered within the overall sum provided for Objectives 5a and 6 of the Structural Funds. - ENTRY INTO FORCE: 25.09.1995 ?