


Procedure file

| Basic information | | |
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| CNS - Consultation procedure Regulation | 2000/0252(CNS) | Procedure completed |
| Nut sector: quality and marketing improvement, extension of plans for one year (Regulation (EEC) No 1035/72) | | |
| Subject 3.10.06.01 Fruit, citrus fruits 3.10.14 Support for producers and premiums | | |

| Key players | | | |
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| European Parliament | Committee responsible | Rapporteur | Appointed |
| | AGRI Agriculture and Rural Development | | 23/11/2000 |
| | | PSE IZQUIERDO ROJO María | |
| | Committee for opinion | Rapporteur for opinion | Appointed |
| | BUDG Budgets | The committee decided not to give an opinion. | |
| Council of the European Union | Council configuration | Meeting | Date |
| | Agriculture and Fisheries | 2339 | 19/03/2001 |
| European Commission | Commission DG Agriculture and Rural Development | Commissioner | |

| Key events | | | |
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| 05/10/2000 | Legislative proposal published | COM(2000)0623 | Summary |
| 27/10/2000 | Committee referral announced in Parliament | | |
| 29/01/2001 | Vote in committee | | Summary |
| 29/01/2001 | Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading | A5-0035/2001 | |
| 15/02/2001 | Debate in Parliament |  | |
| 15/02/2001 | Decision by Parliament | T5-0091/2001 | Summary |
| 19/03/2001 | Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament | | |
| 19/03/2001 | End of procedure in Parliament | | |
| 23/03/2001 | Final act published in Official Journal | | |

| Technical information | |
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| Procedure reference | 2000/0252(CNS) |
| Procedure type | CNS - Consultation procedure |
| Procedure subtype | Legislation |
| Legislative instrument | Regulation |
| Legal basis | EC Treaty (after Amsterdam) EC 037 |
| Stage reached in procedure | Procedure completed |
| Committee dossier | AGRI/5/13865 |

| Documentation gateway | | | | | |
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| Legislative proposal | | COM(2000)0623 OJ C 240 28.08.2001, p. 0044 E | 05/10/2000 | EC | Summary |
| Economic and Social Committee: opinion, report | | CES1438/2000 OJ C 116 20.04.2001, p. 0056 | 29/11/2000 | ESC | |
| Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading | | A5-0035/2001 | 29/01/2001 | EP | |
| Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading | | T5-0091/2001 OJ C 276 01.10.2001, p. 0160-0254 | 15/02/2001 | EP | Summary |

| Additional information | |
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| European Commission | EUR-Lex |

| Final act |
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| Regulation 2001/558 OJ L 084 23.03.2001, p. 0001 Summary |

Nut sector: quality and marketing improvement, extension of plans for one year (Regulation (EEC) No 1035/72)

PURPOSE : to extend for a period up to one year the financing of certain quality and marketing improvement plans approved under Title IIa of Regulation 1035/72/EEC. **CONTENT** : in 1989, Regulation 1035/72/EEC (Title IIa) introduced a specific measures for the nut sector, in order to make good the inadequacy of production and marketing facilities. These measures cover five products: almonds, hazelnuts, walnuts, pistachios and locust beans. The principal measure is the financing of 10-year quality and marketing improvement plans, presented by producer organisations. Plans qualify for 55% public funding (of which EU: 45%; Member State: 10%), subject to a maximum amount per hectare. Financing of the measure is intended to be temporary and degressive in the maximum level of aid paid. The measures were repealed by Regulation 2200/96/EC. However, existing plans may continue to term: the last will expire in 2006. EU expenditure on these specific measures from 1990-1999 was EUR 725 million. Expenditure for plans that have not expired is budgeted from 2000 to 2006 to be a further EUR 250 million. A number of plans expired in 2000. EU nut production via producer organisations (whether or not in existing plans) is eligible for other additional support measures: - operational fund scheme of Regulation 2200/96/EC (general support mechanism for fruit and vegetables); - structural measures of Regulation 1257/1999/EC (rural development plans). As a result of the Council of 17 July invited the Commission to propose that the payments to nut growers be continued within the budget for 2001 for those programmes which would otherwise expire in 2000. In the light of the above, this draft proposes that: - producer organisations whose plans expire in 2000 may request continued financing for a further period of up to one year; - continued financing be requested only until 15.06.2001 latest, in order to fall within the 2001 budget; - public aid be limited at the most to those areas receiving aid in the 10th year of the plan and to a maximum of EUR 241,50 per hectare. This draft simplifies arrangements in that producer organisations are not required to submit a new plan extension and the existing provisions in the implementing Regulation 2159/89/EEC apply mututis mutandis. The Commission will study the situation of the nut sector in the context of the report which it will submit on the fruit and vegetables regime before the end of 2000. Until such time, this draft provides an interim solution for those producer organisations whose improvement plans expire in 2000 and would not be within the budget for 2001.?

Nut sector: quality and marketing improvement, extension of plans for one year (Regulation (EEC) No 1035/72)

The committee adopted the report by María IZQUIERDO ROJO (PES, E) amending the proposal under the consultation procedure. It wanted support for the nut sector to be extended for two years, rather than one year, until such time as the Commission submitted reform proposals relating specifically to nuts in its promised report on the fruit and vegetable sector (which was due by the end of 2000). These proposals should include flat-rate aid per hectare aimed at preserving existing income levels for producers. The committee also wanted the direct aid for hazelnuts (under Regulation 2200/96) to be continued for two more years. The rapporteur feared for the future of the EU nut sector which she said was being flooded by imports from non-EU countries (as a result of international trade agreements). She pointed out that nut and locust bean crops helped to combat desertification in the Mediterranean regions of Europe, and referred to previous EP resolutions underlining the need for specific support for the nut sector.?

Nut sector: quality and marketing improvement, extension of plans for one year (Regulation (EEC) No 1035/72)

The European Parliament adopted the report by Mrs Maria IZQUIERDO ROJO (PES, E) by 404 votes to 28, with 15 abstentions. This report calls for support schemes for the EC nut sector to be extended for two more year, rather than the one year proposed by the Commission, and for the direct aid scheme for hazelnuts to be continued for another two years. (Please refer to the previous text).?

Nut sector: quality and marketing improvement, extension of plans for one year (Regulation (EEC) No 1035/72)

PURPOSE : to extend for one year the financing of certain quality and marketing improvement plans. COMMUNITY MEASURE : Council Regulation 558/2001/EC extending for a period of up to one year the financing of certain quality and marketing improvement plans approved under Title IIa of Regulation 1035/72/EEC. CONTENT : the Regulation provides that: - producer organisations whose plans expire in 2000 may request continued financing for a further period of up to one year; - continued financing be requested only until 15.06.2001 latest, in order to fall within the 2001 budget; - public aid be limited at the most to those areas receiving aid in the 10th year of the plan and to a maximum of EUR 241,50 per hectare. ENTRY INTO FORCE : 26/03/2001.?