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# **AMENDMENTS**

## **42 - 61**

**Draft report**  
**Georgios Papastamkos**  
(PE467.027v01-00)

on the proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council  
laying down specific measures in favour of agriculture in the smaller Aegean  
islands

Proposal for a regulation  
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**Amendment 42**  
**Rolandas Paksas**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Recital 4**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(4) In order to achieve the objectives of the scheme promoting the smaller Aegean islands more effectively, the support programme must include measures which ensure the supply of agricultural products and the preservation and development of local agricultural production. The level of programming needs to be harmonised and the policy of partnership between the Commission and the Member State needs to become systematic.

*Amendment*

(4) In order to achieve the objectives of the scheme promoting the smaller Aegean islands more effectively, the support programme must include measures which ensure the supply of agricultural products and the preservation and development of local agricultural production. The level of programming needs to be harmonised and the policy of partnership between the Commission and the Member State needs to become systematic. ***The Commission must contribute to drawing up aid programmes through the exchange of good practices and by establishing harmonised framework indicators to monitor the implementation of the programmes.***

Or. It

**Amendment 43**  
**Juozas Imbrasas**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Recital 7**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(7) The problems experienced by the smaller Aegean islands are accentuated by the small size of the islands. In order to guarantee the effectiveness of the measures envisaged, such measures should only apply to small islands.

*Amendment*

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*outermost regions.*

Or. It

**Amendment 44**  
**Rolandas Paksas**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Recital 8**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(8) In order to achieve the goal of lowering prices in the smaller Aegean islands and mitigating the additional costs of their remoteness and insularity while maintaining the competitiveness of EU products, aid should be granted for the supply of EU products to the smaller Aegean islands. Such aid should take account of the additional cost of transport to the smaller Aegean islands and, in the case of agricultural inputs and products intended for processing, the additional costs of insularity and small size.

*Amendment*

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Or. It

**Amendment 45**  
**Marit Paulsen, Britta Reimers**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Recital 9**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

***(9) In order to avoid speculation which would be harmful to end users in the smaller Aegean islands, it is important to specify that the specific supply arrangements may only apply to products of sound, fair and marketable quality.***

*Amendment*

***deleted***

**Amendment 46**  
**Giovanni La Via**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Recital 14**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(14) European Union policy to assist local production in the smaller Aegean islands as established by Regulation (EC) No 1405/2006 has involved a multitude of products and measures for their production, marketing or processing. Those measures have proved effective and ensured that agricultural activities have been maintained and developed. The EU should continue to support this production, which is a key factor in the environmental, social and economic equilibrium of the smaller Aegean islands. Experience has shown that, as in the case of rural development policy, closer partnership with the local authorities can help to address the particular issues affecting the islands concerned in a more targeted way. Support for local production should thus continue to be granted through the support programme, established for the first time by Regulation (EC) No 1405/2006.

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Or. it

**Amendment 47**  
**Georgios Papastamkos**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Recital 15 a (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

***(15a) The basic principles governing the support programme should be determined so as to establish specific arrangements for the transport from the islands of raw and processed agricultural products.***

Or. el

*Justification*

*Support should be provided for the transport from smaller Aegean islands of raw and processed agricultural products, which suffer from a dual competitive disadvantage because of the high cost of both raw materials and subsequent transport. The recommendation follows the reasoning behind the provisions of the regulation seeking to offset the competitive disadvantage of the higher cost of supplying the islands with raw materials.*

**Amendment 48**  
**Spyros Danellis**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Recital 16**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

(16) In order to ensure that *it* can be implemented, ***the support programme may also contain measures for financing studies, demonstration projects, training and technical assistance.***

(16) In order to ensure that ***the support programme*** can be implemented, ***it must in future be admissible to link subsidies with production.***

Or. el

*Justification*

*In order to ensure that the aid programme is used as effectively as possible and given the limited amounts of public funding available, it is necessary to link subsidies with production. Other programmes are also available for the co-funding of studies, demonstration projects, training and technical assistance.*

**Amendment 49**  
**Spyros Danellis**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Recital 17**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(17) Farmers in the smaller Aegean islands should be encouraged to supply quality products and the marketing of such products should be assisted.

*Amendment*

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Or. el

**Amendment 50**  
**Marit Paulsen**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Recital 17 a (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

***(17a) Emphasis should be placed to the preservation of cultural heritage which is in the form of physical and traditional characteristics of agricultural production methods.***

Or. en

**Amendment 51**  
**Georgios Papastamkos**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Recital 18**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

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Or. el

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## **Amendment 52** **Marit Paulsen, Britta Reimers**

### **Proposal for a regulation** **Recital 18**

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Or. en

**Amendment 53**  
**Spyros Danellis**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Recital 20**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(20) Since 2007, requirements in essential products have increased in the smaller Aegean islands as a result of the increasing livestock population and demographic pressure. The proportion of the budget which Greece may use for the specific supply arrangements for the smaller Aegean islands should therefore be increased.

*Amendment*

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Or. el

**Amendment 54**  
**Juozas Imbrasas**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
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Or. It

**Amendment 55**  
**Spyros Danellis**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Recital 21 a (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

***(21a) The Commission must table to the European Parliament and Council by 31 December 2016 at the latest a general report on the impact of measures taken to implement this regulation accompanied, where appropriate, by suitable recommendations. The Commission must accordingly examine these recommendations to ensure that they include an integrated sustainable development programme taking account of the cultural heritage and environmental importance of the smaller Aegean islands and the issues and problems specifically arising from their particular geographical position and environment, as well as the increase in illegal migration.***

Or. el

**Amendment 56**  
**Marit Paulsen, Britta Reimers**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 1 – paragraph 1**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

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Or. en

**Amendment 57**  
**Georgios Papastamkos**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 2 – paragraph 1 – point b**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

b) preservation and development of agricultural activities in the smaller islands, including the production, processing **and** marketing of local products.

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Or. el

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**Amendment 58**  
**Georgios Papastamkos**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 15 – paragraph 4 – subparagraph 1**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

4. The programme may include measures to support production, processing **or** marketing of agricultural products in the smaller islands.

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Or. el

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**Amendment 59**  
**Georgios Papastamkos**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 15 – paragraph 4 – subparagraph 3**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

In order to support the marketing of products outside the region in which they are produced, the Commission may adopt by means of a delegated act the conditions for establishing the amount of aid awarded in respect of such marketing and, where appropriate, the maximum quantities which form the subject of this aid.

*Amendment*

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Or. el

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**Amendment 60**  
**Georgios Papastamkos**

**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 17 – paragraph 1**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

1. For the agricultural products covered by Annex I to the Treaty, to which Articles 107, 108 and 109 thereof apply, the Commission may authorise, in accordance with Article 108 of the Treaty, operating aid in the sectors producing, processing and marketing those products, with a view to mitigating the specific constraints on farming in the smaller islands as a result of their isolation, remoteness, insularity, small size, mountainous terrain and climate and their economic dependency on a small number of products.

*Amendment*

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Or. el

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Or. en