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AMENDMENTS

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Draft report
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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.

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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

(17) Farmers in the smaller Aegean islands should be encouraged to supply quality products, ***making the maximum use of local genetic and propagation material*** and the marketing of such products should be assisted, ***particularly at local level, making use of the opportunities offered by the development of other sectors such as tourism.***

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

Justification

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Amendment 52 **Marit Paulsen, Britta Reimers**

Proposal for a regulation **Recital 18**

Text proposed by the Commission

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distance from markets.

Or. en

Amendment 53

Spyros Danellis

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 20

Text proposed by the Commission

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Amendment

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Or. el

Amendment 54

Juozas Imbrasas

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 20

Text proposed by the Commission

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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

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

Amendment

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Or. el

Justification

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Amendment 58
Georgios Papastamkos

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

Text proposed by the Commission

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

Amendment

4. The programme may include measures to support production, processing, marketing **and transport** of agricultural **raw and processed** products in the smaller

islands.

Or. el

Justification

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Amendment 59
Georgios Papastamkos

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

Text proposed by the Commission

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Amendment

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Or. el

Justification

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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