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FINAL REPORT

of the Committee on Agriculture, Fisheries and Rural Development

on the Council Guideline concerning the proposal for a Council regulation amending Regulation (EEC) No. 4256/88 laying down provisions for implementing Regulation (EEC) No. 2052/88 as regards the European Agricultural Guidance and Guarantee Fund (EAGGF) Guidance Section (7612/1/93 - C3-0255/93)

Rapporteur: Mr José HAPPART

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Consultation procedure requiring a single reading
| Cooperation procedure (first reading)

**|| Cooperation procedure (second reading) requiring the votes of a majority of the current Members of Parliament
*** Parliamentary assent requiring the votes of a majority of the current Members of Parliament

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By letter of 28 April 1993 the Council consulted the European Parliament, pursuant to Article 43 of the EEC Treaty, on the Commission proposal for a Council regulation amending Regulation (EEC) No. 4256/88 of 19 December 1986 laying down provisions for implementing Regulation (EEC) No. 2052/88 as regards the European Agricultural Guidance and Guarantee Fund (EAGGF) Guidance Section.

At the sitting of 24 May 1993 the President of Parliament announced that he had referred this proposal to the Committee on Agriculture, Fisheries and Rural Development as the committee responsible and to the Committee on Budgets, the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Consumer Protection, the Committee on Budgetary Control and the Committee on Women's Rights for their opinions.

At its meeting of 9 March 1993 the Committee on Agriculture, Fisheries and Rural Development appointed Mr Happart rapporteur.

At its meetings of 4/5 May, 25 May and 10/11 June 1993 the Committee on Agriculture considered the Commission proposal and the draft report.

At the last meeting it adopted the draft legislative resolution unanimously.

The following were present for the vote: Borgo, chairman; Vázquez Fouz, Graefe zu Baringdorf and Lane, vice-chairmen; Happart, rapporteur; Apolinario, Bocklet, Cano Pinto (for Hory), Carvalho Cardoso, Colino Salamanca, Dalsass, Dessylas (for Ainardi), Domingo Segarra, Ewing (for Blaney), Gonzales Alvarez (for Paisley), Funk, Görlach, Keppelhoff-Wiechert, Kofoed, Lulling (for Simmonds), McCartin, Maher (for Garcia), Mantovani (for Marck), Morris, Mottola, Navarro, Nicholson (for Plumb), Pasty (for Chesa), Rothe, Sanchez Garcia (for Santos López), Saridakis, Sierra Bardaji, Sonneveld, Stevenson, Verbeek, Welsh and Wilson.

The opinions of the Committee on Budgets, the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Consumer Protection, the Committee on Budgetary Control and the Committee on Women's Rights were attached to the report.

The report was tabled on 10 June 1993.

The Commission reconsidered its proposals in the light of the result of the European Parliament's vote on Tuesday, 22 June 1993 and submitted its amended proposals on Wednesday, 23 June 1993.

At its meeting of 2 and 3 July 1993 the Council adopted its guideline. Following the conciliation meeting between the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission held in Brussels on Monday, 12 July 1993, the Committee on Agriculture, Fisheries and Rural Development, at its meeting on 12 July 1993, considered the guideline and the results of the conciliation.

At that meeting, it adopted the draft legislative resolution unanimously.

The following were present for the vote: Borgo, chairman; Vázquez Fouz, vice-chairman; Happart, rapporteur; Apolinário, Arias Cañete (for Navarro), Böge (for Keppelhoff-Wiechert), Carvalho Cardoso, Dalsass, Debatisse (for Mottola), Funk, Görlach, S. Martin, Sierra Bardaji, Sonneveld and Verbeek.

The final report was tabled on 12 July 1993.

Proposal for a regulation amending Regulation (EEC) No. 4256/88
laying down provisions for implementing Regulation (EEC) No. 2052/88
as regards the European Agricultural Guidance and Guarantee Fund
(EAGGF) Guidance Section

Council Guideline¹

Amendments²

(Compromise Amendment No. 1)
Article 2(2), third indent

- measures to encourage the
installation of young farmers,

- measures to encourage the
installation of young farmers,
and continuing education for
farmers, in particular as regards
the application of new
technologies.

(Compromise Amendment No. 2)
Article 2(2), third indent a (new)

= measures to stimulate
environmentally friendly methods
of agriculture, horticulture and
livestock breeding and rearing.

(Compromise Amendment No. 3)
Article 5, introduction

Financial assistance by the Fund may,
in addition to the measures provided
for in Article 2, relate to the
following:

Financial assistance by the Fund
shall have the primary objectives of
developing the social fabric of rural
areas, protecting the environment and
preserving the countryside (including
conservation of natural and local
resources available to agriculture);
it may relate to the following:

¹ Full text: Ref. 7612/1/93

² This text replaces the text adopted by the European Parliament on 22 June
1993

(Compromise Amendment No. 4)
Article 5(a)

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| (a) the conversion, diversification, reorientation and adjustment of production potential, including the production of non-food agricultural products, | (a) the conversion, <u>including the conversion to environmentally friendly methods of agriculture, horticulture and livestock breeding and rearing,</u> diversification, reorientation and adjustment of production potential, including the production of non-food agricultural products, <u>in particular biofuels;</u> |
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(Compromise Amendment No. 5)
Article 5(c), second indent

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| - measures to achieve diversification, especially those providing multiple activities or alternative incomes for farmers, | - measures to achieve diversification, especially those providing multiple activities or alternative incomes for farmers, <u>such as farm tourism,</u> |
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(Compromise Amendment No. 6)
Article 5(c), third indent

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| - the renovation and development of villages and the protection and conservation of the rural heritage, | - the renovation and development of villages, <u>and the provision in villages of infrastructures for services, communications and the environment,</u> and the protection and conservation of the rural heritage, <u>and the development of social and cultural facilities in rural areas, including the construction and/or improvement of community social and cultural centres.</u> |
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(Compromise Amendment No. 7)
Article 5(d)

(d) reparacling in conditions compatible with preservation of the countryside and the natural environment of farming and forestry holdings, and associated work, in compliance with the legislation of the Member State;

(d) reparacling in conditions compatible with preservation of the countryside and the natural environment of farming and forestry holdings, and associated work, notably to facilitate measures pursuant to Council Regulation (EEC) No. 2078/92 of 30 June 1992(1) on agricultural production methods compatible with the requirements of the protection of the environment and the maintenance of the countryside.

(1) OJ No. L 215, 30.7.1992, p. 85

(Compromise Amendment No. 8)
Article 5(h)

(h) restoring agricultural and forestry production potential damaged by natural disasters, and the introduction of appropriate prevention instruments, especially in the outermost areas particularly at risk from such disasters;

(h) restoring and maintaining agricultural and forestry production potential - including, in particular, local genetic resources - damaged by natural disasters or pollution or destroyed, via the establishment of a Community-wide insurance system for the agricultural sector, and the introduction of appropriate prevention instruments especially in the outermost areas particularly at risk from such disasters;

(Compromise Amendment No. 9)
Article 7

Without prejudice to the particulars referred to in Article 11a(5) of Regulation (EEC) No. 2052/88 and Article 5 of Regulation (EEC) No. 4253/88, rural development plans shall include an identification of the problems of agricultural structures at a relevant geographical level. As a general rule, these plans shall last six years and may be updated annually.

Without prejudice to the particulars referred to in Article 11a(5) of Regulation (EEC) No. 2052/88 and Article 5 of Regulation (EEC) No. 4253/88, rural development plans shall include an identification of the problems of agricultural structures at a relevant geographical level drawn up in cooperation with appropriate local and regional authorities. As a general rule, these plans shall last six years and may be updated annually.

(Compromise Amendment No. 10)
Article 8, introduction

In achieving the tasks set out in the second subparagraph of Article 3(3) and as part of the assistance referred to in Article 5(2)(e) of Regulation (EEC) No. 2052/88, the Fund may devote up to 1% of its annual budget to financing:

In achieving the tasks set out in the second subparagraph of Article 3(3) and as part of the assistance referred to in Article 5(2)(e) of Regulation (EEC) No. 2052/88, the Fund shall finance, up to the maximum amounts of appropriations entered in the budget for this purpose:

(Compromise Amendment No. 11)
Article 9

Where appropriate and through procedures suitable to each policy, Member States shall supply the Commission with information concerning compliance with Article 7(1) of Regulation (EEC) No. 2052/88.

Through procedures suitable to each policy, Member States shall, in cooperation with the regional or local authorities concerned, supply the Commission with information concerning compliance with Article 7(1) of Regulation (EEC) No. 2052/88.

(Compromise Amendment No. 12)
Article 11a (new)

Without prejudice to Article 33 of Regulation (EEC) No. 4253/88, the Council, acting on a proposal from the Commission in accordance with the procedure set out in Article 43 of the Treaty, shall decide no later than 31 December 1993 on the adaptation of common measures financed under Article 2 of Regulation (EEC) No. 4256/88, with a view to achieving the objectives set out in Regulation (EEC) No. 2052/88 in accordance with the rules contained in Regulations (EEC) Nos. 2052/88 and 4253/88 and in accordance with Regulation (EEC) No. 4256/88.

(Compromise Amendment No. 13)
Article 11b (new)

Two years after the entry into force of this regulation the Commission, in collaboration with the European Parliament, shall assess the position and shall, if necessary, propose a revision of the regulation, while ensuring the continuity of current programmes pursuant to legal and budgetary commitments.

DRAFT LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION

embodying the opinion of the European Parliament
on the Council Guideline with a view to the adoption of a regulation amending
Regulation (EEC) No. 4256/88 laying down the provisions for implementing
Regulation (EEC) No. 2052/88 as regards the European Agricultural Guidance
and Guarantee Fund (EAGGF) Guidance Section

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the Commission proposal to the Council (COM(93) 0124 final/2)¹,
 - having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Article 43 of the EEC Treaty (C3-0180/93),
 - having regard to the interinstitutional agreement of 22 April 1993,
 - having regard to the amendments to the Commission proposal which were adopted at its sitting of 22 June 1993²,
 - having regard to the Commission's amended proposal (COM(93) 0303/Add.),
 - having regard to the results of the conciliation meeting of 12 July 1993,
 - having regard to the Council Guideline (7612/1/93 - C3-0255/93),
 - having regard to the report of the Committee on Agriculture, Fisheries and Rural Development and the opinions of the Committee on Budgets, the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Consumer Protection, the Committee on Budgetary Control and the Committee on Women's Rights (A3-0184/93)
 - having regard to the final report of the Committee on Agriculture, Fisheries and Rural Development (A3-0231/93)
1. Approves the Council Guideline subject to Parliament's amendments and in accordance with the vote thereon;
 2. Calls on the Council to notify Parliament should it intend to depart from the text approved by Parliament;
 3. Asks to be consulted again should the Council intend to make substantial modifications to its Guideline;
 4. Instructs its President to forward this opinion to the Council and Commission.

¹ OJ No. C 131, 11.5.1993, p. 15

² See minutes of that date, Part II