



**COUNCIL OF
THE EUROPEAN UNION**

**Brussels, 13 September 1999 (17.09)
(OR. f)**

10946/99

LIMITE

PUBLIC 8

TRANSPARENCY

Subject : MONTHLY SUMMARY OF COUNCIL ACTS
JULY 1999

This document contains:

- in **Annex I**, a summary of definitive legislative acts adopted by the Council in July 1999. It is accompanied by statements in the minutes which the Council decided to make public (**Annex II**). The summary also mentions any votes against and abstentions, as well as explanations of voting.

It should be noted that only the minutes concerning the definitive adoption of legislative acts are authentic. Extracts from the minutes in question, and the information contained in Annexes I and II hereto, are available to the public on the Internet at the "Eudor" website (<http://www.eudor.com>; see "Transparency of the Council's legislative activities");

- in **Annex III**, a list of the other acts ¹ adopted by the Council in July 1999, with a reference, where appropriate, to voting results, explanations of voting and statements which the Council has decided to make public.

¹ With the exception of other acts of limited scope such as procedural decisions, appointments, decisions of bodies set up by international agreements, specific budgetary decisions, etc.

JULY 1999			
DEFINITIVE LEGISLATIVE ACTS	TEXTS ADOPTED	STATEMENTS	VOTES AND EXPLANATIONS OF VOTE
2196th Council (Economic and Financial Questions) on 12 July 1999 Council Regulation on the allocation of fishing possibilities for certain fish stocks and amending Regulation (EC) No 48/1999 fixing, for certain fish stocks and groups of fish stocks, the total allowable catches for 1999 and certain conditions under which they may be fished 2199th Council (Agriculture) on 19 July 1999 Council Regulations - Council Regulation fixing the monthly increases in the intervention price for cereals for the 1999/2000 marketing year - Council Regulation derogating from Regulation (EEC) No 1765/92 establishing a support system for producers of certain arable crops, as regards the ceiling for irrigated land - Council Regulation fixing the monthly increases in the intervention price for paddy rice for the 1999/2000 marketing year - Council Regulation fixing the amounts of aid for flax fibre and hemp and the amount withheld to finance measures to promote the use of flax fibre for the 1999/2000 marketing year	8918/99 + COR 1 (nl) 9327/99 9328/99 9329/99 9332/99	215/99	I against

JULY 1999			
DEFINITIVE LEGISLATIVE ACTS	TEXTS ADOPTED	STATEMENTS	VOTES AND EXPLANATIONS OF VOTE
5. Council Regulation fixing the amount of aid in respect of silkworms for the 1999/2000 rearing year	9333/99		
6. Council Regulation fixing the guide price for wine for the 1999/2000 wine year	9334/99		
7. Council Regulation amending Regulation (EEC) No 822/87 on the common organisation of the market in wine	9335/99 + COR 1		
8. Council Regulation amending Regulation (EEC) No 2332/92 as regards sparkling wines produced in the Community and Regulation (EEC) No 4252/88 on the preparation and marketing of liqueur wines produced in the Community	9336/99		
9. Council Regulation amending Regulation (EEC) No 1442/88 on the granting, for the 1988/1989 to 1998/1999 wine years, of permanent abandonment premiums in respect of wine-growing areas	9337/99 + COR 1 (fin)		
10. Council Regulation fixing the basic price, and the seasonal adjustments to the basic price, for sheepmeat for the 2000 marketing year	9308/99		
Council Regulation supplementing Regulation (EEC) No 2092/91 on organic production of agricultural products and indications referring thereto on agricultural products and foodstuffs to include livestock production	9310/99 + COR 1 (i) + COR 2 (fin)	216/99, 217/99, 218/99, 219/99, 220/99, 221/99, 222/99, 223/99, 224/99	

JULY 1999			
DEFINITIVE LEGISLATIVE ACTS	TEXTS ADOPTED	STATEMENTS	VOTES AND EXPLANATIONS OF VOTE
Council Directive laying down minimum standards for the protection of laying hens	9449/99 + COR 1 (es) 9449/1/99 REV 1(s) + REV 2 (dk) + REV 3 (s)	225/99, 226/99, 227/99, 228/99	E abstention A against
Council Regulation amending Regulation (EC) No 2597/97 laying down additional rules on the common organisation of the market in milk and milk products for drinking milk	9663/99		B/L/NL against
Decision of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Decision No 1254/96/EC laying down a series of guidelines for trans-European energy networks	PE-CONS 3620/99 + COR 1		
Council Decision on measures applying to the processing of certain animal waste to protect against transmissible spongiform encephalopathies and amending Commission Decision 97/735/EC	10143/99 + COR 1		D/I against
Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Directive 92/117/EEC of the Council concerning measures for protection against specified zoonoses and specific zoonotic agents in animals and products of animal origin in order to prevent outbreaks of food-borne infections and intoxications	PE-CONS 3622/99 + COR 1	229/99	DK against

JULY 1999			
DEFINITIVE LEGISLATIVE ACTS	TEXTS ADOPTED	STATEMENTS	VOTES AND EXPLANATIONS OF VOTE
2200th Council (General Affairs) on 29 July 1999 Council Directive amending Directive 92/79/EEC on the approximation of taxes on cigarettes, Directive 92/80/EEC on the approximation of taxes on manufactured tobacco other than cigarettes and Directive 95/59/EC on taxes other than turnover taxes which affect the consumption of manufactured tobacco Council Regulation laying down certain control measures in respect of vessels flying the flag of Non-Contracting Parties to the Convention on the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources	8620/99	230/99, 231/99, 232/99	
	8916/99		

STATEMENT 215/99**Statement by the Commission on the allocation of Northern prawn**

"The level of the TAC and the allocation of Northern prawn might be reconsidered when fixing the TACs and quotas for 2000, taking into account any relevant information on the character of this fishery. The Commission undertakes to approach ICES and STECF to obtain scientific advice relevant to the management of Northern prawn in the North Sea".

STATEMENT 216/99

1. Re limitation of the number of allopathic treatments

Statement by the Council and the Commission

"In order that the limitation in par. 5.8. is scientifically justified the relevant Scientific Committee will, before 31 December 2000, make a report on all aspects of this limitation and in the light of this report the Commission will, if appropriate, make proposals to the Standing Committee on Organic Agriculture."

STATEMENT 217/99

2. Re paragraph 4.8. of the Annex

Statement by the Commission

"The Commission will present, on the basis of information supplied by the Member States, a report no later than one year before the expiry of the transitional period mentioned in paragraph 4.8. concerning the availability of organic feedingstuffs/feed materials."

STATEMENT 218/99

3. Re paragraph 6.1.5. of the Annex

Statement by the Commission

"The Commission will examine, as soon as possible, within the framework of the Standing Committee and, on the basis of documentary evidence submitted by the Member States, the definition of a small holding for the purposes of this paragraph."

STATEMENT 219/99

4. Re paragraph 6.1.9. of the Annex

Statement by the Commission

"The Commission confirms its intention to establish as soon as possible, via the Standing Committee, a list of slow-growing breeds for the purposes of paragraph 6.1.9.."

STATEMENT 220/99

5. Re paragraph 8.3.1. of the Annex

Statement by the Commission

"The Commission will examine, as soon as possible, within the framework of the Standing Committee the details of conditions governing access to pasturage."

STATEMENT 221/99

6. Re paragraphs 6.1.5. and 8.5.1. of the Annex

Statement by the Commission

"The Commission understands that :

- the text of these paragraphs does not imply that holdings must be registered as organic before the date of entry into force of the Regulation;
- the holdings can benefit from the derogation provided that they comply with any national rules or, in the absence thereof, private standards accepted or recognised by the Member States;

- in the case of private standards, these may be those accepted or recognised in other Member States provided that their content is not contested by the competent authority of the Member State where the holding in question is located."

STATEMENT 222/99

7. Re Annex III (Inspection measures)

Statement by the Commission

"The Commission will present a draft regulation to a vote within the Standing Committee within two years of the adoption of this regulation".

STATEMENT 223/99

8. Re Annex VI (Sections A and B)

Statement by the Commission

"The Commission will present a draft Regulation to a vote within the Standing Committee within two years of the adoption of this Regulation".

STATEMENT 224/99

9. Adoption of the Regulation

Statement by the French delegation , supported by the Belgian, Greek, Spanish and Portuguese delegations

"France is prepared to join the majority of delegations in endorsing the Presidency compromise. Improvements have been made to the text following the most recent meetings of the SCA and the Council and it is important that Europe should extend its regulations to include livestock production.

Although anxious not to delay its adoption, the French Government still considers this Regulation inadequate in terms of enabling organic farming in Europe, particularly as regards livestock production, to reach a level of quality distinct from that of conventional farming. The weakness lies chiefly in the continuing high number of derogations and in the excessive length of the derogation periods. It sincerely hopes that authorities or inspection bodies in the Member States will make only occasional use of such derogations, so as to enable organic farming to maintain credibility.

The Presidency compromise represents a first step towards improving the quality of standards laid down for organic farming in Europe. The French Government calls for this process to continue, particularly in the light of the results of the assessments to be carried out by the Commission at the various times laid down in the Regulation."

STATEMENT 225/99

"The Council requests the Commission to:

- (a) bring forward before 1 January 2007 a proposal in accordance with the provisions of Article 5 of Directive 98/58/EC with a view to setting Community standards applicable to the rearing of breeding hens;
- (b) submit before 1 January 2002 a proposal adapting the marketing standards applicable to eggs provided for in Regulation (EEC) No 1907/90 to the new provisions laid down in this Directive, taking into consideration in particular the possibility of introducing compulsory labelling;
- (c) take into consideration also the requirements of Article 4 when defining, in the framework of Commission Regulation (EEC) No 1274/91, the criteria for the type of rearing known as "deep litter", "Bodenhaltung" or "Scharrel".

STATEMENT 226/99

"Further to the requests from certain delegations that the cost of investments ensuing from these new standards be eligible for Community financing, the Council notes that under the new Agenda 2000 rules for financing it will be for the Member States to set the priorities in their structural programmes."

STATEMENT 227/99

"The Council and the Commission confirm that the Member States will ensure that rearing in the cages referred to in Chapter II is prohibited with effect from 1 January 2012, unless the Council, acting on a proposal from the Commission, decides otherwise in the light of the report referred to in Article 10."

STATEMENT 228/99

"The Council and the Commission, stressing the need to ensure equal conditions of competition between European Union and third-country producers, considered that international acknowledgement of animal welfare rules must be one of the key points of the negotiating brief for the WTO Millennium Round."

STATEMENT 229/99

"The Commission undertakes to keep the Member States regularly informed in the Standing Veterinary Committee of its progress in drafting future proposals."

STATEMENT 230/99

Re Articles 1.3 and 2.2

"The Belgian, Danish, German, French, Irish, Netherlands, Austrian, Portuguese, Finnish, Swedish and United Kingdom delegations expect that, in its next review report provided under Article 4 of Directive 92/79/EEC and Directive 92/80/EEC, the Commission will present sufficient elements in order to proceed to an overall review of the structures and the rates for tobacco products."

STATEMENT 231/99

Re Article 3.1

"The German delegation states that it will not request a further derogation for fine-cut tobacco rolls after the expiry of the present derogation on 31 December 2001."

STATEMENT 232/99

Re Article 3.1

"The Commission states that it is investigating the compatibility of the derogation in question with Articles 87 and 88 of the Treaty."

JULY 1999	
OTHER ACTS	Votes made public
Written procedure completed on 6 July 1999 Adoption of the Council Decision concerning the extension of Joint Action 97/289/CFSP on the establishment of a European Union assistance programme to support the Palestinian Authority in its efforts to counter terrorist activities emanating from the territories under its control 9625/99 2196th Council (Economic and Financial Questions) on 12 July 1999 Council Recommendation on the broad guidelines of the economic policies of the Member States and of the Community 8940/99 + REV 1 (s) Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Council Directive 70/221/EEC on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to liquid-fuel tanks and rear underrun protection of motor vehicles and their trailers • Common Position 8697/99 + COR 1 Council Regulation on certain procedures for applying the Europe Agreement establishing an association between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Slovenia, of the other part 6426/99 + COR 1 Council Decision on the conclusion of an Agreement between the European Community and the Lao People's Democratic Republic on trade in textile products 8764/99 + COR 1 (p) Council Decision on the provisional application of the Agreement between the European Community and the Kingdom of Cambodia on trade in textile products 8289/99 Council Regulation amending Regulation (EC) No 47/1999 on the arrangements for imports of certain textile products originating in Taiwan 8538/99	

JULY 1999	
OTHER ACTS	Votes made public
Council Regulation (EC) imposing a definitive countervailing duty and collecting definitively the provisional duty imposed on stainless steel wires with a diameter of 1 mm or more originating in India and terminating the proceeding concerning imports of stainless steel wires with a diameter of 1 mm or more originating in the Republic of Korea 9510/99 Council Regulation (EC) imposing definitive anti-dumping duties and collecting definitively the provisional duties imposed on imports of stainless steel wires with a diameter of 1 mm or more originating in India and terminating the proceeding concerning imports of stainless steel wires with a diameter of 1 mm or more originating in the Republic of Korea 9513/99 Council Regulation (EC) imposing a definitive countervailing duty and collecting definitively the provisional duty imposed on stainless steel wires with a diameter of less than 1 mm originating in India and terminating the proceeding concerning imports of stainless steel wires with a diameter of less than 1 mm originating in the Republic of Korea 9516/99 Common Position concerning Rwanda 9549/99 + COR 1 Council Recommendation on the limitation of exposure of the general public to electromagnetic fields (0 Hz – 300 GHz) 8550/99 + COR 1 (f) <u>Statement by Italy made public</u> <i>The Italian delegation is against the proposal for a Recommendation on the limitation of exposure of the general public to electromagnetic fields because it is a breach of certain principles which the Italian Government does not feel it can abandon.</i> <i>This Recommendation is not satisfactory in that it fails to take adequate account of the following:</i> <i>* consideration of possible long-term effects in line with the precautionary principle;</i> <i>* need to provide the public with information, including information on the possible long-term effects;</i>	I against

JULY 1999	
OTHER ACTS	Votes made public
* <i>exposure limits expressed as measurable physical values, such as the electrical or magnetic fields, taking further the concepts of a "basic limit" (primary limits or basic restrictions) and "reference levels" (levels derived from precedents, which can be measured more easily);</i> * <i>introduction of precautionary measures and quality objectives in order to extend protection to the public at large against the risks involved in long-term exposure to various sources of non-ionising radiation;</i> * <i>extension of the protection given to persons not exposed to electromagnetic fields in the course of their work</i> Decision of the European Parliament and of the Council amending the basic Decision relating to the Socrates Programme to include Turkey among the beneficiary countries • Common Position 8076/99 Decision of the European Parliament and of the Council amending the basic Decision relating to the third phase of the Youth for Europe programme so as to include Turkey among the beneficiary countries • Common Position 8077/99 Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning the enforcement of provisions in respect of seafarers' hours of work on board ships calling at Community ports • Common Position 8639/99 + COR 1 (p) + REV 1 (fin) Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Council Directive 93/104/EC concerning certain aspects of the organisation of working time to cover sectors and activities excluded from that Directive • Common Position 8642/99 + COR 1 (d) + COR 2 (dk)	

JULY 1999	
OTHER ACTS	Votes made public
2198th Council (General Affairs) on 19 July 1999	
Council Common Position concerning support for the popular consultation of the East Timorese people 10046/99	
Council Decision concerning the conclusion of the Agreement on Mutual Recognition of OECD principles of Good Laboratory Practice (GLP) and Compliance Monitoring Programmes between the European Community and the State of Israel 9066/99 + COR 1 + COR 2 (fin)	
Council Decision amending Common Position 96/184/CFSP concerning arms exports to the former Yugoslavia 10048/99	
Council Joint Action in relation to the holding of a meeting of Heads of State and Government in Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina, concerning the Stability Pact for South-Eastern Europe 10213/99 + COR 1	
2199th Council (Agriculture) on 19 July 1999	
Council Decision on the conclusion of the Agreements in the form of an Exchange of Letters between the European Community and, on the one hand, Barbados, Belize, the Republic of the Congo, Fiji, the Cooperative Republic of Guyana, the Republic of Côte d'Ivoire, Jamaica, the Republic of Kenya, the Republic of Madagascar, the Republic of Malawi, the Republic of Mauritius, the Republic of Suriname, Saint Christopher and Nevis, the Kingdom of Swaziland, the United Republic of Tanzania, the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago, the Republic of Uganda, the Republic of Zambia and the Republic of Zimbabwe and, on the other hand, the Republic of India on the guaranteed prices 9200/99 + COR 1 (p)	
Council Resolution on the Involvement of Europe in a New Generation of Satellite Navigation Services - GALILEO - Definition Phase 9543/99 + COR 1 (fin) + COR 2 (f,d,i,nl,gr,p,s) + COR 2 (f,d,i,nl,gr,p,s) REV 1 (f) + COR 3 (f)	

JULY 1999	
OTHER ACTS	Votes made public
Council Resolution on the situation of air traffic delays in Europe 9545/99 + COR 1 (fin) Written procedures completed on 29 July 1999 Adoption of the Common Position concerning the Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on end-of-life vehicles 8095/99 + COR 1 + COR 1 REV 1 (d,en,dk,gr,es,p,fin) + COR 1 REV 2 (i) + COR 2 (d) Council Joint Action confirming the appointment of the Special Representative of the European Union to act as Coordinator of the Stability Pact for South-Eastern Europe 10406/99 Council Joint Action concerning the installation of the structures of the United Nations Mission in Kosovo (UNMIK) 10302/99 + COR 1 (fin) 2200th Council (General Affairs) on 29 July 1999 Council Regulation (EC) on the import of bran, sharps and other residues of the sifting, milling or other working of certain cereals originating in Algeria, Morocco and Egypt and the import of durum wheat originating in Morocco 9712/99 Council Common Position relating to the European Union's contribution to the promotion of the early entry into force of the Comprehensive Nuclear Test-Ban Treaty (CTBT) 10001/99 Council Decision repealing Joint Action 1999/239/CFSP in relation to the nomination of an EU Special Envoy for Kosovo 10363/99 Council Regulation imposing a definitive anti-dumping duty on imports of synthetic fibres of polyesters originating in Taiwan and terminating the proceeding in respect of imports of synthetic fibres of polyesters originating in the Republic of Korea 10126/99	

JULY 1999	
OTHER ACTS	Votes made public
Council Regulation concerning the arrangements applicable to imports into the Community of products originating in Albania and amending Regulation (EC) No 2820/98 applying a multiannual scheme of generalised tariff preferences for the period 1 July 1999 to 31 December 2001 as regards Albania 10192/99 Council Regulation concerning the conclusion of the Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters amending the Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters between the European Community and the Republic of Hungary on the reciprocal establishment of tariff quotas for certain wines, and amending Regulation (EC) No 933/95 opening and providing for the administration of Community tariff quotas for certain wines 9566/99 + COR 1 (nl) + COR 2 (d) + COR 3 (fin) Council Decision authorising the Kingdom of Spain to extend until 7 March 2000 the Agreement on mutual fishery relations with the Republic of South Africa 9836/99 Council Decision authorising the Portuguese Republic to extend until 9 April 2000 the Agreement on mutual fishery relations with the Republic of South Africa 9836/99 Common Position with a view to the adoption of the Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on combating late payment in commercial transactions 8790/99 + COR 1 (d) + COR 2 (i) + COR 3 (p)	

=====