

6483/96

LIMITE

PUBLIC 5

LEGISLATIVE TRANSPARENCY

STATEMENTS WHICH MAY BE RELEASED TO THE PUBLIC

~~March 1996~~

The Annexes to this document contain a summary of definitive legislative acts adopted by the Council in March 1996, together with statements in the minutes which the Council has decided may be released to the public.

STATEMENTS IN THE MINUTES WHICH MAY BE RELEASED TO THE PUBLIC – MARCH 1996 –			
DEFINITIVE LEGISLATIVE ACTS	TEXTS ADOPTED	STATEMENTS	VOTES
1905th Environment Council on 4 March 1996 Decision of the European Parliament and of the Council adapting Decision No 1110/94/EC concerning the fourth framework programme of the European Community activities in the field of research and technological development and demonstration (1994 to 1998) following the accession of the Republic of Austria, the Republic of Finland and the Kingdom of Sweden to the European Union Council Decision adapting Decision 94/268/Euratom concerning a framework programme of Community activities in the field of research and training for the European Atomic Energy Community (1994 to 1998), following the accession of the Republic of Austria, the Republic of Finland and the Kingdom of Sweden to the European Union Council Regulation amending Regulation (EEC) No 2075/92 on the common organization of the market in raw tobacco, and fixing the guarantee thresholds for leaf tobacco by group of tobacco varieties for the 1996 and 1997 harvests 1906th Economic and Financial Questions Council on 11 March 1996 Council Directive amending Article 2(2) of Directive 77/780/EEC in respect of the list of permanent exclusions of certain credit institutions	PE-CONS 3603/96 11448/95 + Cor 1(d) + Cor 2(dk) 5194/96 5062/96 + Cor 1(s)	10/96, 11/96, 12/96, 13/96 14/96, 15/96, 16/96, 17/96 18/96	

STATEMENTS IN THE MINUTES WHICH MAY BE RELEASED TO THE PUBLIC
– MARCH 1996 –

DEFINITIVE LEGISLATIVE ACTS	TEXTS ADOPTED	STATEMENTS	VOTES
Written procedure completed on 14 March 1996 Decision of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing a programme to support artistic and cultural activities having a European dimension (KALEIDOSCOPE)	PE-CONS 3604/96	19/96	
1908th Agriculture Council on 18 and 19 March 1996 Council Directive on statistical surveys of milk and milk products	5200/1/96	20/96, 21/96	D abstention
1912th Research Council on 25 March 1996 Council Decision approving amendments to the statutes of the Kernkraftwerk RWE-Bayernwerk GmbH (KRB) joint undertaking	5198/96		
1913th Industry Council on 28 March 1996 Council Regulations			
- repealing Regulation (EEC) No 388/75 on notifying the Commission of exports of crude oil and natural gas to third countries	4858/96 + Cor 1	22/96	
- repealing Regulation (EEC) No 1055/72 on notifying the Commission of imports of crude oil and natural gas	4859/96 + Cor 1		
- repealing Regulation (EEC) No 1038/79 on Community support for a hydrocarbon exploration project in Greenland	4860/96 + Cor 1 (fin)		
Council Decision laying down a series of measures aimed at creating a more favourable context for the development of trans-European networks in the energy sector	4925/96 + Cor 1 (fin)		

**STATEMENTS IN THE MINUTES WHICH MAY BE RELEASED TO THE PUBLIC
– MARCH 1996 –**

DEFINITIVE LEGISLATIVE ACTS	TEXTS ADOPTED	STATEMENTS	VOTES
1914th Labour and Social Affairs Council on 29 March 1996 Council Directive amending Commission Directive 94/54/EC concerning the compulsory indication on the labelling of certain foodstuffs of particulars other than those provided for in Council Directive 79/112/EEC	6111/96	23/96, 24/96	D, UK against

STATEMENT 10/96

"The German, French, Netherlands, Austrian, Swedish and United Kingdom delegations underline that the decisions to be taken in 1996 on a possible financial increase of the Research and Technological Development Framework Programmes (4th Framework Programme and EURATOM Framework Programme) have also to remain within the agreed ceilings of Category 3 of the present Financial Perspective."

STATEMENT 11/96

Re fourth and fifth recitals

"The Council and the Commission agree that the application of the increase within the specific programmes will be carried out on a linear basis so as to maintain the existing balance of the indicative internal breakdown established in Annex II to each specific programme decision. They recall that any adaptation of the breakdown can be made only in accordance with the Committee procedures laid down in the specific programme decisions."

STATEMENT 12/96

Re fourth and fifth recitals

"The Commission ensures efficient management in the implementation of Community RTD activities: for this reason it confirms that, whilst fully respecting the legitimate interests of all Member States, it intends to apply to the staff and administrative costs a much lower rate of increase than that applied to the overall amount and in any case not exceeding on average 4%. It will thereby ensure that these funds will be used as a matter of priority for research activities.

As concerns the JRC, there will be no increase in statutory staff as compared with 1995."

STATEMENT 13/96

Re sole Article

"The Council and the Commission declare that this adaptation of the fourth RTD programme does not prejudice in any way the review of the overall maximum amount, with the possibility of increasing it, to be undertaken by the European Parliament and the Council by 30 June 1996 at the latest, on the basis of a Commission proposal, in accordance with Article 1(3) of Decision No 1110/94/EC".

STATEMENT 14/96

"The German, French, Netherlands, Austrian, Swedish and United Kingdom delegations underline that the decisions to be taken in 1996 on a possible financial increase of the Research and Technological Development Framework Programmes (4th Framework Programme and EURATOM Framework Programme) have also to remain within the agreed ceilings of Category 3 of the present Financial Perspective."

STATEMENT 15/96

Re fourth and fifth recitals

"The Council and the Commission agree that the application of the increase within the specific programmes will be carried out on a linear basis so as to maintain the existing balance of the indicative internal breakdown established in Annex II to each specific programme decision. They recall that any adaptation of the breakdown can be made only in accordance with the Committee procedures laid down in the specific programme decisions."

STATEMENT 16/96

Re fourth and fifth recitals

"The Commission ensures efficient management in the implementation of Community RTD activities: for this reason it confirms that, whilst fully respecting the legitimate interests of all Member States, it intends to apply to the staff and administrative costs a much lower rate of increase than that applied to the overall amount and in any case not exceeding on average 4%. It will thereby ensure that these funds will be used as a matter of priority for research activities.

As concerns the JRC, there will be no increase in statutory staff as compared with 1995."

STATEMENT 17/96

Re sole Article

"The Council and the Commission declare that this adaptation of the fourth RTD programme does not prejudice in any way the review of the overall maximum amount, with the possibility of increasing it, to be undertaken by the European Parliament and the Council by 30 June 1996 at the latest, on the basis of a Commission proposal, in accordance with Article 1(3) of Decision No 1110/94/EC".

STATEMENT 18/96

"The Commission representative said that as regards the 1996 and 1997 harvests, the possibility of increasing the total volume of national guarantee threshold tobacco by transferring high-premium varieties to low-premium varieties would go beyond the scope of the proposal which was designed to empower the Commission to respond positively, through the Management Committee procedure, to requests from Member States which involved neither an increase in quantity nor an increase in expenditure. If a Member State found itself in a position where it felt that an increase in quantity could be justified, it could present its case to the Commission and the Commission would consider this on its merits and, if appropriate, make a proposal to the Council".

STATEMENT 19/96

Commission statement for the Council minutes
re Article 5(3)

"In compliance with interinstitutional procedures and agreements, the Commission will inform the Committee for the Kaleidoscope Decision, as regards the financial support to be supplied by the Community, of all projects which it intends to finance under this Decision."

STATEMENT 20/96

Council statement

"The Council notes the concern expressed by certain delegations at the risk that, for the purposes of this Directive, definitions of milk products may be used which differ from those adopted in Community legislation relating to the common organization of the market in milk and milk products.

It calls upon the Commission to ensure that the Management Committee on Milk and Milk Products is kept informed when decisions are to be taken on milk products in different bodies so that these decisions do not conflict with the CMO regulations in force ⁽¹⁾.

The Council also asks the Commission, when deciding on implementing measures, to take account of the technical difficulties which Member States might encounter, particularly in supplying the annual data provided for in Article 4(2)(c), with a view to seeking appropriate solutions."

STATEMENT 21/96

Statement by the German delegation

"The German delegation stresses that in the interests of avoiding an unnecessary economic and administrative burden statistical surveys must be kept to the absolute minimum. That aim must be sought first and foremost in the pilot studies referred to in Article 4(4) of the Directive."

⁽¹⁾ On this specific point, the Chairman of the SCA noted at the meeting on 19 February 1996 that this Council statement also applied to Council Regulation (EEC) No 2991/94 laying down standards for spreadable fats (see OJ No L 316, 9.12.1994, p. 2).

STATEMENT 22/96

Statement by the German delegation

The Federal Government considers the repeal of the acts listed in 4983/1/96 REV 1 to mark only the first step towards simplification of Community legislation and looks forward to further Commission proposals along those lines; thus, Directive 75/339/EEC and Decisions 77/186/EEC and 77/706/EEC, which were adopted in connection with the oil crisis, ought to be repealed straightaway.

STATEMENT 23/96

COMMISSION STATEMENT

The Commission will examine whether the indication of particulars specified by this Directive involves an obligation to indicate on the labelling the quantity of the substance concerned. If it does, the Commission will initiate the Standing Committee on Foodstuffs procedure, with a view to it deciding on a derogation from that obligation.

STATEMENT 24/96

STATEMENT BY THE GERMAN DELEGATION

In accordance with the first indent of Article 1(3) of Directive 94/35/EC, added sugar means added mono- and disaccharides or any other foodstuff used for its sweetening properties.