



**COUNCIL OF
THE EUROPEAN UNION**

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**OJ CONS 21
AGRI 91
PECHE 76**

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

for the: 2500th meeting of the COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION
(AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES)
Luxembourg, Tuesday 8 (11.00) April 2003

1. Adoption of the agenda

2. Approval of the list of "A" items
7943/03 PTS A 17

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3. Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council laying down specific rules for the organisation of official controls on products of animal origin intended for human consumption (LA)
(Hygiene III)
 - Progress report
10987/02 AGRILEG 154 CODEC 916 (x)
7520/03 AGRILEG 56 CODEC 326

4. Proposal for a Council Directive on Community measures for the control of foot-and-mouth disease and amending Directive 92/46/EEC (LA)
 - Progress report/Exchange of views
15831/02 AGRILEG 280 (x)
7898/03 AGRILEG 65

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5. Communication from the Commission on Improving Scientific and Technical Advice for Community fisheries management
 - Presentation by the Commission
8123/03 PECHE 85

6. Proposal for a Council Regulation amending Regulation (EC) n° 2341/2002 fixing for 2003 the fishing opportunities and associated conditions for certain fish stocks and groups of fish stocks, applicable in Community waters and, for Community vessels, in waters where limitations in catch are required (amendment of Annex XVII)(*)(LA)
(Legal basis : Article 20(1) of Council Regulation n° 2371/2002 (former Article 8(4) of Council Regulation n° 3760/92)
 - Adoption
8091/03 PECHE 80
8092/03 PECHE 81 OC 165

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7. CAP Reform : A long-term policy perspective for sustainable agriculture
 - 5586/03 AGRI 14 AGRIFIN 6
 - 8063/03 AGRI 96 AGRIFIN 45

 - a) Proposal for a Council Regulation establishing common rules for direct support schemes under the common agricultural policy and support schemes for producers of certain crops (LA)
8027/03 AGRI 93 AGRIFIN 44

 - b) Proposal for a Council Regulation on the common organisation of the market in dried fodder for the marketing years 2004/05 to 2007/08 (LA)
8073/03 AGRI 98 AGRIFIN 46
 - Exchange of views

8. WTO - Modalities for Negotiations on Agriculture
 - Information by the Commission/Exchange of views

9. Council Decision concerning the assumption by the Italian State and the Sicilian Region of responsibility for expenditure over and above that established under the Council Decision of 22 July 1997 relating to security provided personally by members of agricultural co-operatives in a situation of established insolvency (*) (LA)
(Legal basis : Article 88(2), third indent of the treaty)
- Adoption
 - 5842/03 AGRI 19 (x)
 - 7091/03 AGRI 59 (x)
 - 7380/03 AGRI 69 (x)
10. Other business
- a) Avian Influenza in the Netherlands
 - Updated situation on 1st April 2003
(at the request of the Dutch Delegation
8137/03 AGRILEG 74
 - b) Nitrofuranes
 - Updated information from the Portuguese delegation
8167/03 AGRILEG 78
 - c) Emergency measures for Baltic Sea cod
 - Information from the Commission
 - d) Commercial initiative in favour of Africa presented by President Chirac
(at the request of the Spanish Delegation)
8067/03 AGRI 97
 - e) Fourth Ministerial Conference on the Protection of Forests in Europe
(Vienna, 28 to 30 April 2003)
(at the request of the Austrian Delegation)
8113/03 AGRIFORETS 1 ENV 200 RELEX 124)
 - f) Euro-Mediterranean Conference on Fisheries and Agriculture
- Information from the Italian Government
8100/03 AGRI 99 PÊCHE 84
 - g) Report on wine negotiations with Canada and US
 - Information from the Commission
 - h) Organisation of future work

(LA) Legislative act.

(*) Item on which a vote may be requested.

(x) Out of stock.