

Proposal for a Decision of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Decision 96/411/EC on improving Community agricultural statistics

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(Submitted by the Commission on 13 February 2002)

THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community, and in particular Article 285(1) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Acting in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 251 of the Treaty,

Whereas:

- (1) Council Decision 96/411/EC of 25 June 1996 on improving Community agricultural statistics is designed to allow Community agricultural statistics⁽¹⁾ to respond more satisfactorily to the information needs arising from the common agricultural policy.
- (2) The report by the Commission to the European Parliament and the Council on progress in implementing Decision 96/411/EC makes a positive assessment of the application of that Decision.
- (3) The process of adapting national statistical systems to the needs arising from changes in the common agricultural policy has not yet been completed.
- (4) Both the internal development of the common agricultural policy and the external context of enlargement to the east, and the opening of the new round of multilateral trade negotiations, call for improved identification of statistical needs and, where appropriate, for measures to complete the current regulatory framework laying down the scope of the statistical information on the common agricultural policy which Member States are obliged to make available to the Commission.
- (5) Decision No ... of the European Parliament and of the Council of ... [on the Community statistical programme 2003-2007] recommends continuing the actions to improve existing agricultural statistics and to plan future developments with a view to responding satisfactorily to the needs of the common agricultural policy.

- (6) The tool introduced by Decision 96/411/EC has helped to further the process of adapting the system of Community agricultural statistics to changes in the statistical information needs of the common agricultural policy. However, this process has not yet been completed. Decision 96/411/EC should therefore be amended in order to extend this process,

HAVE ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

Decision 96/411/EC is amended as follows:

1. In Article 3, the words 'during the period 2000 to 2002' are replaced by the words 'during the period 2003 to 2007';
2. In Article 6, paragraph 4 is replaced by the following:

'4. The financial framework for the implementation of this programme for the period 2003 to 2007 is hereby set at EUR 5 million.

The annual appropriations shall be authorised by the budgetary authority within the limits of the financial perspective.'
3. In Article 11, the figure '2002' is replaced by the figure '2007'.
4. In Article 11, the phrase 'having consulted the Standing Committee on Agricultural Statistics' is deleted.

Article 2

This Decision shall enter into force on the third day following its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Communities*.

Article 3

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 162, 1.7.1996, p. 14. Decision as last amended by Decision No 2298/2000/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council (OJ L 263, 28.10.2000, p. 1).