

Proposal for a European Parliament and Council Regulation amending Article 21 of Council Regulation (EC) No 1292/96 on food-aid policy and food-aid management and special operations in support of food security

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(Text with EEA relevance)

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THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

HAVE ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community, and in particular Article 179 thereof,

Article 21 of Council Regulation (EC) No 1292/96 is amended as follows:

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

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

'1. The Council, acting by a qualified majority on a proposal from the Commission and after consulting the European Parliament, shall determine the Community share of the overall amount of aid, either in tonnes of wheat equivalent or in value or in a combination of tonnage and value, laid down in the Food Aid Convention as the total contribution of both the Community and its Member States.

Whereas:

(1) The Community and its Member States take part in a number of international agreements relating to food-aid policy, food-aid management and special operations in support of food security, among them the Food Aid Convention.

2. The Commission shall coordinate the operations of the Community and the Member States as regards the supply of cereals aid under the Food Aid Convention and shall ensure that the total contribution by the Community and its Member States is at least as high as the quantities provided for in the said Convention.'

(2) The Food Aid Convention 1999 was approved by Council Decision 2000/421/EC of 13 June 2000 on the conclusion, on behalf of the European Community, of the Food Aid Convention 1999 ⁽¹⁾.

Article 2

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

(3) Article 21 of Council Regulation (EC) No 1292/96 of 27 June 1996 ⁽²⁾ must be adapted substantively and legally in line with Articles III and IV of the Food Aid Convention 1999,

This Regulation is binding in its entirety and is directly applicable in all Member States.

⁽¹⁾ Council Decision of 13 June 2000 (2000/421/EC) (OJ L 163, 4.7.2000).

⁽²⁾ Council Regulation (EC) No 1292/96 of 27 June 1996 (OJ L 166, 5.7.1996).