

Council Regulation (EC) No 953/2006 of 19 June 2006 amending Regulation (EC) No 1673/2000, as regards the processing aid for flax and hemp grown for fibre, and Regulation (EC) No 1782/2003, as regards hemp eligible for the single payment scheme

Article 1

Regulation (EC) No 1673/2000 is hereby amended as follows:

1. in Article 2, paragraph 3 shall be replaced by the following:
3. The amount of processing aid per tonne of fibre shall be fixed as follows:
 - a for long flax fibre:
 - EUR 100 for the 2001/2002 marketing year,
 - EUR 160 for the 2002/2003 to 2007/2008 marketing years,
 - EUR 200 from the 2008/2009 marketing year onwards,
 - b for short flax fibre and hemp fibre containing not more than 7,5 % impurities and shives: EUR 90 for the 2001/2002 to 2007/2008 marketing years.

However, for the 2001/2002 to 2007/2008 marketing years, the Member State may, with reference to traditional outlets, also decide to grant aid:

 - for short flax fibre containing a percentage of impurities and shives of between 7,5 % and 15 %,
 - for hemp fibre containing a percentage of impurities and shives of between 7,5 % and 25 %.

In the cases provided for in the second subparagraph, the Member State shall grant the aid in respect of a quantity which amounts to not more than the quantity produced, on the basis of 7,5 % of impurities and shives.;
2. in Article 3(2), the second subparagraph shall be replaced by the following:

The national guaranteed quantities for short flax fibre and hemp fibre shall cease to apply from the 2008/2009 marketing year.;
3. in the first paragraph of Article 4, ‘2005/2006’ shall be replaced by ‘2007/2008’;
4. Article 12 shall be deleted;
5. the following paragraph shall be added to Article 15:
 3. The Commission shall submit a report to the European Parliament and the Council, if necessary accompanied by proposals, in sufficient time to allow the implementation of the proposed measures during the 2008/2009 marketing year.

The report shall assess the impact of processing aid on producers, the processing industry and the market for textile fibres. It shall examine the possibility of extending processing aid for short flax fibre and hemp fibre and additional aid beyond the 2007/2008 marketing year, as well as the possibility of integrating this aid scheme in the general framework of support for farmers under the common agricultural policy laid down by Regulation (EC) No 1782/2003.

Changes to legislation:

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Council Regulation (EC) No 953/2006, Article 1.