



**COUNCIL OF
THE EUROPEAN UNION**

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INST 73
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"I/A" ITEM NOTE

from : Budget Committee
to : Permanent Representatives Committee/Council

No. Cion prop. : 6271/13 FIN 68

Subject : Proposal for transfer of appropriations No DEC 01/2013 within Section III -
Commission - of the general budget for 2013

1. On 12 February 2013, the Commission submitted to the Council proposal for transfer of appropriations No DEC 01/2013.

The purpose of this proposal is to transfer an amount of EUR 754 958 586.2 in non-differentiated appropriations from Item 05 02 05 99 (*Other measures (sugar)*) to Item 05 03 01 01 (*SPS (single payment scheme)*), as recorded in document 6271/13 FIN 68.

2. In accordance with Article 1(3) of Council Regulation (EC) No 320/2006¹, the balance of the temporary Sugar Restructuring Fund was assigned to the European Agricultural Guarantee Fund (EAGF) and carried over from the 2012 budget to the 2013 budget. As this fund was financed under Chapter 05 02 (*Interventions in agricultural markets*), this balance was available in this Chapter under Item 05 02 05 99. However, these appropriations are needed in 2013 for financing expenditure under Chapter 05 03 (*Direct Aids*) and, as the 2013 budget foresees, the transfer is proposed to cover part of the 2013 funding needs for the Single Payment Scheme (SPS) financed from Item 05 03 01 01.
3. The Budget Committee examined this proposal for a transfer at its meeting on 14 February 2013.
4. Following that examination, the Budget Committee agreed, by qualified majority, to suggest that the Permanent Representatives Committee advise the Council to approve:
 - the proposed transfer of appropriations;
 - the draft letter in the ANNEX to that effect.

¹ Council Regulation (EC) No 320/2006 of 20 February 2006 establishing a temporary scheme for the restructuring of the sugar industry in the Community and amending Regulation (EC) No 1290/2005 on the financing of the common agricultural policy.

DRAFT LETTER

from : President of the Council
to : President of the Commission
copy: President of the European Parliament

Sir,

In accordance with Article 27 of the Financial Regulation of 25 October 2012¹, I inform you that the Council has approved transfer of appropriations No DEC 1/2013 within Section III - Commission - of the general budget for 2013.

(Complimentary close).

¹ Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 October 2012 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union and repealing Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002.