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FORMER TEXT

NEW TEXT

(Amendment 2)

*Rule 156(7a) (new)*

**7a. Unless the person submitting the petition asks for it to be treated in confidence, it shall be entered in a public register.**

### **Decision amending Rule 156 of Parliament's Rules of Procedure on the right of petition**

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to the proposal for amendment of its Rules of Procedure, B4-1091/96,
  - having regard to Rule 163 of its Rules of Procedure,
  - having regard to the report of the Committee on the Rules of Procedure, the Verification of Credentials and Immunities and the opinion of the Committee on Petitions (A4-0158/98),
1. Decides to amend its Rules of Procedure as indicated above;
  2. Instructs its President to forward this decision to the Council and Commission, for information.

## **2. Amendment of Rules of Procedure: Rule 161**

A4-0416/97

### **Parliament's Rules of Procedure**

FORMER TEXT

NEW TEXT

(Amendment 1)

*Rule 161*

1. *The conditions governing referrals to the Ombudsman, together with the procedures and the rules governing the latter's powers, will be annexed to the Rules of Procedure. The Ombudsman may draw up a proposal to this end which shall be forwarded to the committee responsible for the Rules of Procedure, which shall report to Parliament.*

2. *The Ombudsman shall inform the committee responsible of his activities on a regular basis or when the committee requests him to do so.*

**1. The decision on the Regulations and general conditions governing the performance of the Ombudsman's duties and the provisions implementing that decision as adopted by the Ombudsman are annexed for information to the Rules of Procedure.**

**2. The Ombudsman shall inform Parliament of cases of maladministration in accordance with Article 3(6) and (7) of the above decision. He shall also, in accordance with Article 3(8) of the above decision, submit a report to Parliament at the end of each session on the outcome of his inquiries.**

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3. The Ombudsman *and the chairman of the committee responsible shall each safeguard the confidentiality of information made known to them in connection with the Ombudsman's activities. Such information shall be made available only to the judicial authorities and only where it is needed for criminal proceedings.*

## NEW TEXT

3. The Ombudsman **may also inform** the committee responsible **at its request, or be heard by it on his own initiative.**

### Decision amending Rule 161 of Parliament's Rules of Procedure on the activities of the Ombudsman

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to the letter of 23 September 1994 from its President,
  - having regard to Rule 163 of its Rules of Procedure,
  - having regard to the report of the Committee on the Rules of Procedure, the Verification of Credentials and Immunities and the opinion of the Committee on Petitions (A4-0416/97),
1. Decides to amend its Rules of Procedure as indicated above;
  2. Instructs its President to forward this decision to the Council and Commission, for information.

### 3. Fertilizers containing cadmium \*\*\*I

A4-0254/98

**Proposal for a European Parliament and Council Directive amending Directive 76/116/EEC on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to fertilizers, as regards the marketing in Austria, Finland and in Sweden of fertilizers containing cadmium (COM(98)0044 – C4-0109/98 – 98/0026(COD))**

The proposal was approved with the following amendment:

TEXT PROPOSED  
BY THE COMMISSION (\*)

AMENDMENTS  
BY PARLIAMENT

(Amendment 1)

#### ARTICLE 1

*Article 7, last paragraph (Directive 76/116/EEC)*

The Commission shall, in consultation with Member States and interested parties, review by 31 December 2001 the need for establishing provisions at European level concerning the cadmium content of fertilizers.

The Commission shall, in consultation with Member States and interested parties, review the need for establishing provisions at European level concerning the cadmium content of fertilizers **so that any necessary amendments to this Directive can be adopted** by 31 December 2001.

(\*) OJ C 108, 7.4.1998, p. 83.