

**COUNCIL REGULATION (EC) No 1105/2003**  
**of 26 May 2003**  
**amending Regulation (EC) No 1260/1999 laying down general provisions on the Structural Funds**

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community, and in particular Article 161 thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission <sup>(1)</sup>,

Having regard to the assent of the European Parliament <sup>(2)</sup>,

Having regard to the opinion of the Economic and Social Committee <sup>(3)</sup>,

After consulting the Committee of the Regions,

Whereas:

- (1) The provisions of Article 47(2) and 3 of Regulation (EC) No 1260/1999 <sup>(4)</sup> respectively provide for recourse to the Type I Committee procedure and to the Type IIa and IIb procedures established by Council Decision 87/373/EEC of 13 July 1987 laying down the procedures for the exercise of implementing powers conferred on the Commission <sup>(5)</sup>.
- (2) Council Decision 1999/468/EC of 28 June 1999 laying down the procedures for the exercise of implementing powers conferred on the Commission <sup>(6)</sup> repealed and replaced Decision 87/373/EEC.
- (3) In accordance with the joint statement of the Council and of the Commission <sup>(7)</sup> on Decision 1999/468/EC, the provisions relating to committees which assist the Commission in the exercise of its implementing powers, provided for pursuant to Decision 87/373/EEC, should

be adapted in order to bring them into line with the provisions of Articles 3, 4 and 7 of Decision 1999/468/EC.

(4) The necessary measures should be taken to bring into line Regulation (EC) No 1260/1999 with Decision 1999/468/EC.

(5) Regulation (EC) No 1260/1999 should therefore be amended,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

*Article 1*

Article 47(2) and (3) of Regulation (EC) No 1260/1999 shall be replaced by the following:

‘2. Where reference is made to this paragraph, Articles 3 and 7 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply.

3. Where reference is made to this paragraph, Articles 4 and 7 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply.

The period laid down in Article 4(3) of Decision 1999/468/EC shall be set at one month.

3a. The committees shall adopt their rules of procedure.’

*Article 2*

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

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

Done at Brussels, 26 May 2003.

*For the Council*  
*The President*  
 G. DRYS

<sup>(1)</sup> OJ C 75 E, 26.3.2003, p. 383.

<sup>(2)</sup> Assent given on 11.3.2003 (not yet published in the Official Journal).

<sup>(3)</sup> OJ C 241, 7.10.2002, p. 128.

<sup>(4)</sup> OJ L 161, 26.6.1999, p. 1.

<sup>(5)</sup> OJ L 197, 18.7.1987, p. 33.

<sup>(6)</sup> OJ L 184, 17.7.1999, p. 23.

<sup>(7)</sup> OJ C 203, 17.7.1999, p. 1.