

COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

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Proposal for a
COUNCIL REGULATION (EEC)

amending Regulation (EEC) No 2997/87 laying down, in respect of
hops, the amount of aid to producers for the 1986 harvest and providing
for special measures for certain regions of production

(presented by the Commission)

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

It is proposed that the Council adopt this draft Regulation amending Regulation (EEC) No 2997/87 laying down, in respect of hops, the amount of aid to producers for the 1986 harvest and providing for special measures for certain regions of production.

In view on the one hand of the overall trend on the market and on the other hand of the persistent imbalance on the market for bitter hop varieties, it is proposed to:

- make all areas under bitter hop varieties eligible for the grant of the special aid under the terms laid down in Regulation (EEC) No 2997/87;
- extend from 1990 to 1992 the time limit within which the conversion plans may be implemented;
- repeal the provision limiting areas which may be cultivated by producer groups qualifying for the special aid.

In view of the fact that these amendments fall within the maximum of 800 hectares provided for in Regulation (EEC) No 2997/87 in each Member State concerned, the financial impact of this draft Regulation is simply to spread out until the 1993 budget year expenditure already provided for in respect of varietal conversion.

This draft Regulation has no impact on the SME.

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THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community, and in particular Articles 42 and 43 thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Having regard to the opinion of the European Parliament⁽¹⁾,

Whereas, owing to the imbalance on the market for bitter varieties, Council Regulation (EEC) No 2997/87 (2) provides for special measures for certain regions where production... mainly comprises such varieties whereas the imbalance persisting on the market for bitter varieties calls for the adoption of a measure enabling structures in regions involved in the production of bitter varieties to be modified by conversion to varieties more sought after on the market;

Whereas, in view of the market situation, the extension of the special aid provided for in Article 2 of Regulation (EEC) No 2997/87 for varietal conversion of any area under bitter varieties to aromatic or super-alpha varieties appears to be a suitable measure; whereas, in order

(1)

(2) OJ No L 284, 7.10.1987, p. 19.

to ensure the effectiveness of the measures contemplated, the time limit by which conversion plans may be implemented should be extended; whereas the overall trend on the market makes it possible to delete the provision limiting areas which may be cultivated by producer groups qualifying for the special aid,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Article 2 of Regulation (EEC) No 2997/87 is hereby amended as follows:

1. Paragraph 1 is replaced by the following:

"1. A special aid of ECU 2 500 per hectare shall be granted for areas under bitter hop varieties, on terms to be determined in accordance with the procedure referred to in paragraph 6, to producer groups recognized under Regulation (EEC) No 1691/71 the members of which undertake to implement before 31 December 1992 a plan for conversion to aromatic or super-alpha type varieties. The special aid may also be granted in respect of areas under other varieties where the latter are present on areas essentially under bitter hop varieties. The special aid shall be granted for an overall area not exceeding 800 hectares in each Member State concerned."

2. Paragraph 4 is deleted.

Article 2

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

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

Done at Brussels,

For the Council

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

DATE:

1. BUDGET HEADING: 181

APPROPRIATIONS: ECU 13 million

2. TITLE: Amendment to Council Regulation (EEC) No 2997/87 laying down, in respect of hops, the amount of aid to producers for the 1986 harvest and providing for special measures for certain regions of production.

3. LEGAL BASIS: Article 43 of the EEC Treaty

4. AIMS OF PROJECT: To postpone until 31 December 1992 the deadline by which varietal conversion programmes must be implemented in view of the fact that the deadline of 31 December 1990 laid down in Council Regulation (EEC) No 2997/87 for the completion of such conversion operations cannot be met.

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS	Period of 12 months 19	Current Financial Year 1989	Following Financial Year 1990
5.0 EXPENDITURE			
- CHARGED TO THE EC BUDGET		-	-
- (REFUNDS/INTERVENTION)			
- NATIONAL ADMINISTRATION			
- OTHER			
5.1 REVENUE			
- OWN RESOURCES OF THE EC (LEVIES/CUSTOMS DUTIES)			
- NATIONAL			
	1991	1992	1993
5.0.1 ESTIMATED EXPENDITURE	1.5	1.2	1.5
5.1.1 xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx			

5.2 METHOD OF CALCULATION of payments carried over between 1991 and 1993 in the form of advances and balances (1):

1500 ha x ECU 2500/ha x 1,119 (DR) = ECU 4,2 m (B), of which:
 ECU 1,5 m in 1991
 ECU 1,2 m in 1992
 ECU 1,5 m in 1993

(1) 50% of the special aid may be paid in the form of an advance after approval of the programme, the remaining 50% (balance) being paid after its completion.

6.0 CAN THE PROJECT BE FINANCED FROM APPROPRIATIONS ENTERED IN THE RELEVANT CHAPTER OF THE CURRENT BUDGET?

6.1 CAN THE PROJECT BE FINANCED BY TRANSFER BETWEEN CHAPTERS OF THE CURRENT BUDGET?

6.2 IS A SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET NECESSARY?

6.3 WILL FUTURE BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS BE NECESSARY?

YES

OBSERVATIONS:

It is estimated that the area likely to be involved in varietal conversion operations not completed by the time limit of 31 December 1990 laid down in Regulation (EEC) No 2997/87 will amount to 1500 hectares (approximately 50% of the total area).

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