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Proposal for a

COUNCIL REGULATION (EC)

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 Regulation, which amends 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.

Some Member States - Spain, Portugal, Belgium and the United Kingdom - have encountered practical problems which those concerned have been unable to overcome in implementing their programmes for the varietal conversion of hops. It is therefore proposed that:

- the time limit for implementing the conversion plans be extended from 1994 to 1996 for the first three Member States,
- the time limit for implementing the conversion plans be extended from 1994 to 1995 for the United Kingdom.

This proposal would spread the expenditure earmarked for varietal conversion over the period up to the 1997 budget year.

This measure has no implications for SMEs.

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THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

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

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission⁽¹⁾,

Having regard to the opinion of the European Parliament⁽²⁾,

Whereas, having regard to the imbalance on the market in bitter varieties Regulation (EEC) No 2997/87⁽³⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 3338/92⁽⁴⁾ lays down special varietal conversion measures;

Whereas varietal conversion for hops would be more effective if it were accompanied by land consolidation measures; whereas such land consolidation measures are currently being implemented in the hop-growing regions of Spain; whereas the entire area under hops scheduled for varietal conversion should be subject to land consolidation prior to conversion; whereas the time required for the land consolidation operation would not allow for the implementation of subsequent varietal conversion for a large part of the area in question within the time limits set by Regulation (EEC) No 2997/87;

Whereas the Republic of Portugal, the Kingdom of Belgium and the United Kingdom have encountered unforeseeable delays in the implementation of the conversion plans initially approved; whereas the duration of the conversion programmes for the four said Member States should therefore be extended with effect from 1 January 1995;

(1) OJ No C

(2) Opinion delivered on

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

(4) OJ No L 336, 20.11.1992, p. 3.

Whereas Regulation (EEC) No 2997/87 should therefore be amended accordingly,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The second subparagraph of Article 2(1) of Regulation (EEC) No 2997/87 is replaced by the following:

"In the case of the Kingdom of Spain, the Republic of Portugal and the Kingdom of Belgium, the members of the producers' groups concerned shall undertake to implement the conversion plans before 31 December 1996. In the case of the United Kingdom, this date shall be 31 December 1995."

Article 2

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

It shall apply from 1 January 1995.

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

Done at Brussels,

For the Council
The President

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Date: [REDACTED]

1. BUDGET HEADING: Expenditure B1 - 181

APPROPRIATIONS: ECU 16 million

2. TITLE: Council 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

3. LEGAL BASIS: Articles 42 and 43 of the Treaty

4. AIMS OF PROJECT: To extend, from 1 January 1995, the duration of the conversion programme for Portugal, Belgium, Spain and the United Kingdom

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

PERIOD OF 12 MONTHS

CURRENT FINANCIAL

FOLLOWING FINANCIAL

(ECU million)

YEAR (1995)

YEAR (1996)

(ECU million)

(ECU million)

5.0. EXPENDITURE

- CHARGED TO THE EC BUDGET (REFUNDS)
- NATIONAL ADMINISTRATION
- OTHER

0.7

1.2

5.1. REVENUE

- OWN RESOURCES OF THE EC (LEVIES/CUSTOMS DUTIES)
- NATIONAL

1997

1998

1999

2000

5.0.1. ESTIMATED EXPENDITURE

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5.1.1. ESTIMATED REVENUE

5.2. METHOD OF CALCULATION:

	<u>Spain</u>	<u>Portugal</u>	<u>Belgium</u>	<u>U.K.</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Ecu/ha</u>	<u>DR</u>	<u>Ecu million (B)</u>
To be converted in 1995	96 ha	30 ha	40 ha	60 ha	226 ha	2 500	1.207	0.68
To be converted in 1996	<u>340 ha</u>	<u>20 ha</u>	<u>37 ha</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>397 ha</u>	2 500	1.207	<u>1.19</u>
Total	436 ha	50 ha	77 ha	60 ha	623 ha			1.87

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

YES

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

6.2. IS A SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET NECESSARY?

NO

6.3. WILL FUTURE BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS BE NECESSARY?

YES

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