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Proposal for a

COUNCIL REGULATION (EC)

**amending Regulation (EEC) No 2328/91 on improving the efficiency of agricultural structures**

(presented by the Commission)



## **EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM**

### **Amendment of Regulation (EEC) No 2328/91 on improving the efficiency of agricultural structures**

As part of the compromise on the prices package in July 1996, the Commission undertook to present to the Council a proposal intended to extend for two years, for mainland Portugal, the special provisions laid down in Article 37 of Regulation (EEC) No 2328/91 applying the compensatory allowances in the less-favoured areas of that country.

By extending the provisions in question, under which the compensatory allowances for less-favoured areas may be granted to farmers farming at least one hectare of utilized agricultural area, this proposal is intended to improve the agricultural structures in that country.

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THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

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

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Having regard to the opinion of the European Parliament,

Whereas special rules have been adopted for the application of compensatory allowances as provided for in Council Regulation (EEC) No 2328/91<sup>1</sup> in the less-favoured areas of Portugal; whereas, in view of the agricultural structure situation in Portugal, the provisions to improve that situation should be extended in a suitable form,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Article 37 of Regulation (EEC) No 2328/91 is hereby replaced by the following:

"Compensatory allowances as provided for in Article 17 may be granted until 31 December 1997 to farmers farming at least one hectare of utilized agricultural area in mainland Portugal."

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<sup>1</sup> OJ No L 218, 6.8.1991, p. 1.

Last amended by Regulation (EC) No 2387/95 (OJ No L 244, 12.10.1995, p. 1.)

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 1996.

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

Done at Brussels,

For the Council  
The President

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