



COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

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Proposal for a

COUNCIL REGULATION (EC)

amending Regulation (EEC) No 1442/88 on the granting, for the
1988/89 to 1997/98 wine years, of permanent abandonment premiums
in respect of wine-growing areas

(presented by the Commission)

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

1. GENERAL REMARKS

Council Regulation (EEC) No 1442/88 of 24 May 1988 on the granting, for the 1988/89 to 1997/98 wine years, of permanent abandonment premiums in respect of wine-growing areas was last amended by Council Regulation (EC) No 1595/96 of 30 July 1996.

As a result of that amendment, Member States had to designate the regions concerned prior to the application of the measure. Conditions may be attached to the designation decision relating, in particular, to guaranteeing stability of production and the ecology in the regions concerned.

The delay by certain Member States is likely to make the measure inapplicable to the 1996/97 wine year. To avoid that problem, the time limit fixed for eligible producers to apply for the grants of the premium to the authorities designated by the Member States should be extended.

2. CONTENTS OF THE PROPOSAL PRESENTED BY THE COMMISSION

The purpose of the draft Regulation is to facilitate the application to the 1996/97 wine year of the system of permanent abandonment premiums in respect of wine-growing areas which was extended by the Council on 30 July 1996.

An additional period of one month should facilitate the presentation of applications by eligible producers.

It is proposed that Article 4(1) of Regulation (EEC) No 1442/88 be amended solely for the 1996/97 wine year. The time limit of 31 December 1996 fixed for eligible producers to present applications for the grants of the premium to the authorities designated by Member States is postponed to 31 January 1997.

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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 Commission¹,

Having regard to the opinion of the European Parliament²,

Having regard to the opinion of the Economic and Social Committee³,

Whereas the experience gained in applying Council Regulation (EEC) No 1442/88 of 24 May 1988 on the granting, for the 1988/89 to 1997/98 wine years, of permanent abandonment premiums in respect of wine-growing areas⁴, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1595/96⁵, shows that the flat-rate premium laid down for the Charentes region does not result in the abandonment of the surface areas with the highest yields; whereas the abandonment of such areas would achieve more easily the market balance sought; whereas, therefore, there is no further need to maintain this flat-rate scheme;

¹ OJ No C...

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⁴ OJ No L 132, 28.5.1988, p.3.

⁵ OJ No L 206, 16.8.1996, p.36.

Whereas, in accordance with the second and third subparagraphs of Article 1(1) of that Regulation, Member States must designate the regions in which producers are eligible for a permanent abandonment premium in respect of wine-growing areas, and must do so prior to the application of that measure; whereas designation has caused a delay which may make the measure inapplicable to the 1996/97 wine year; whereas, therefore, the time limit fixed for eligible producers to present applications for the grant of the premium to the authorities designated by Member States should be extended,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION,

Article 1

1. Article 2(1)(d) of Regulation (EEC) No 1442/88 is hereby deleted.
2. The following subparagraph is added after the first subparagraph of Article 4(1) of Regulation (EEC) No 1442/88:

“However, for the 1996/97 wine year, the time limit of 31 December 1996 fixed for eligible producers to present applications for the grant of the premium to the authorities designated by Member States shall be postponed until 31 January 1997.”

Article 2

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

It shall apply from 1 January 1997.

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

1. BUDGET HEADING: 16 APPROPRIATIONS:
ECU 826.8 million
(second LA to the PDB 1997)

2. TITLE:
Proposal for a Council Regulation amending Regulation (EEC) No 1442/88 on the granting, for the 1988/89 to 1995/96 wine years, of permanent abandonment premiums in respect of wine-growing areas

3. LEGAL BASIS:
Article 43 of the Treaty

4. AIMS:
Extends by one month the time limit of 31.12.1996 set for introducing premium applications

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS	PERIOD OF 12 MONTHS (ECU million)	CURRENT FINANCIAL YEAR (1997) (ECU million)	FOLLOWING FINANCIAL YEAR (1998) (ECU million)
5.0 EXPENDITURE - CHARGED TO THE EC BUDGET (REFUNDS/INTERVENTION) - NATIONAL AUTHORITIES - OTHER	-	-	-
5.1. REVENUE - OWN RESOURCES OF THE EC (LEVIES/CUSTOMS DUTIES) - NATIONAL	-	-	-
5.0.1 ESTIMATED EXPENDITURE	-	-	-
5.1.1 ESTIMATED REVENUE	-	-	-
5.2 METHOD OF CALCULATION:	1999	2000	2001
	-	-	-

- 6.0 CAN THE PROJECT BE FINANCED FROM APPROPRIATIONS ENTERED IN THE RELEVANT CHAPTER OF THE CURRENT BUDGET? ~~YES/NO~~
- 6.1 CAN THE PROJECT BE FINANCED BY TRANSFER BETWEEN CHAPTERS OF THE CURRENT BUDGET? ~~YES/NO~~
- 6.2 WILL A SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET BE NECESSARY? ~~YES/NO~~
- 6.3 WILL FUTURE BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS BE NECESSARY? ~~YES/NO~~

OBSERVATIONS:

The measure has no impact on the budget.

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