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Proposal for a

COUNCIL REGULATION (EC)

**amending Regulation (EC) No 3072/95 on the common organisation of the market
in rice with regard to the scheme for compensatory payment**

(presented by the Commission)

Explanatory memorandum

In point 10 of the compromise on the price proposals for 1997/98, the Council invited the Commission "to examine the possibility for Member States to introduce regional subdivisions of the national Maximum Guaranteed Area in the recently reformed market organisation for rice."

Following that Council statement, the Greek authorities requested division of their national base area into two parts.

The purpose of this request is to maintain rice growing in areas where the ground is unsuitable for other crops. If the present base area is divided in two, any overrunning of the base area where rice growing is not traditional would have no impact on the amount of aid granted to producers in the base area favourable to rice growing.

The national base area and the amount of aid will be unchanged.

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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, in the context of providing support for producers of rice, Article 6 of Council Regulation (EC) No 3072/95,¹ as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 192/98,² lays down a national base area for each producer Member State with the exception of France, for which two base areas are laid down; whereas Greece has requested that there too there should be two base areas, although without differential compensatory payments, so that, without prejudice to the objectives of the scheme, areas may still be devoted to rice-growing in regions where there is no genuine possibility of alternative crops and that request should be accepted

Whereas Regulation (EC) No 3072/95 should be amended accordingly,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Article 6 of Regulation (EC) No 3072/95 is amended as follows:

¹ OJ L 329, 30.12.1995, p. 18.

² OJ L 20, 27.1.1998, p. 16.

1. Paragraph 3 is replaced by the following:

“3. The amounts of the compensatory payment shall be as follows:

ECU/ha	1997/98	1998/99	1999/2000 and after
Spain	111.44	222.89	334.33
France			
- metropolitan territory	96.35	192.70	289.05
- French Guiana	131.80	263.60	395.40
Greece			
- departments of Thessaloniki, Serres and Fthiotida	131.27	262.55	393.82
- other departments	131.27	262.55	393.82
Italy	106.00	212.00	318.01
Portugal	106.18	212.36	318.53

In order to pursue a better orientation of production, the amounts of the compensatory payment may be varied by applying price increases or reductions depending on the variety.

The compensatory payments shall be made between 16 October and 31 December following the start of the marketing year in question.”

2. Paragraph 4 is replaced by the following:

“4. A national base area for each producer Member State is hereby established. However, for France and Greece two base areas are established. The base areas shall be as follows:

Spain: 104 973 ha

France:

- metropolitan territory: 24 500 ha

- French Guiana: 5 500 ha

Greece:

- departments of Thessaloniki,

Serres and Fthiotida 22 330 ha

- other departments 2 561 ha

Italy: 239 259 ha

Portugal: 34 000 ha.”

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on the third day following its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Communities*. It shall apply from the 1998/99 marketing year.

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

Done at Brussels,

For the Council

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

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1. BUDGET HEADING: B1-1858

APPROPRIATIONS:
ECU 38 million (DB)

2. TITLE:

Proposal for a Council Regulation amending Regulation (EC) No 3072/95 on the common organisation of the market in rice with regard to the scheme for compensatory payment.

3. LEGAL BASIS:

Council Regulation (EC) No 3072/95

4. AIMS:

- (1) To replace Greece's national base area by two separate base areas covering the same total area;
- (2) Any overrun of the base area where rice is not grown traditionally will have no effect on the aid granted to producers in the area where there is demand for rice

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS	PERIOD OF 12 MONTHS	CURRENT FINANCIAL YEAR (98)	FOLLOWING FINANCIAL YEAR (99)
	ECU million	ECU million	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			
	2000	2001	2002
	ECU million	ECU million	ECU million
5.0.1 ESTIMATED EXPENDITURE			
5.1.1 ESTIMATED REVENUE			
	2003		
	ECU million		

5.2 METHOD OF CALCULATION:

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| 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? | YES |
| 6.2 | WILL A SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET BE NECESSARY? | NO |
| 6.3 | WILL FUTURE BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS BE NECESSARY? | YES |

OBSERVATIONS:

As the base area and the aid remain unchanged, the measure will entail no extra expenditure.

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