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Proposal for a

COUNCIL REGULATION (EC)

amending Regulation (EC) No 1221/97 laying down general rules for the application of  
measures to improve the production and marketing of honey

(presented by the Commission)



## EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

Due to the time limit laid down in Regulation (EC) No 1221/97 for the first year, the national programmes for the improvement of honey production and marketing applied only from 12 March 1998.

On the other hand, Article 3 (3) provides for a deadline of 15 October each year by which expenditures must be made.

In order to avoid a too important reduction of the programme period in the first year, a prolongation of the deadline to 31 January 1999 is proposed under these circumstances.

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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<sup>1</sup>,

Having regard to the opinion of the European Parliament<sup>2</sup>,

Having regard to the opinion of the Economic and Social Committee<sup>3</sup>,

Whereas Council Regulation (EC) No 1221/97 of 25 June 1997 laying down general rules for the application of measures to improve the production and marketing of honey<sup>4</sup> establishes the time limit in which expenditure on the measures taken under the annual national programme must be made;

Whereas, in order to avoid reducing the duration of the national programmes in the first year, the time limit for making such expenditure under those first programmes should be deferred,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

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<sup>4</sup> O J L 173, 1.7.1997, p. 1.

  
**Article 1**

In Article 3 of Regulation (EC) No 1221/97, the third subparagraph is replaced by the following:

“Expenditure by the Member States for the measures taken under the annual national programmes referred to in Article 1 must be made by 15 October each year. However, for the first year, that date is deferred to 31 January 1999.”

**Article 2**

This Regulation shall enter into force on the seventh day following 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

1. BUDGET HEADING: 254	APPROPRIATIONS: ECU 15 million			
2. TITLE: Proposal Council Regulation amending Regulation (EC) No 1221/97 laying down general rules for the application of measures to improve the production and marketing of honey				
3. LEGAL BASIS: Article 43 of the Treaty				
4. AIMS: To prevent too great a reduction in the duration of application of programmes for the first year because of the time limit of 15 October for making payments. An extension of that time limit to 31 January 1999 is proposed for the first year.				
5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS	PERIOD OF 12 MONTHS (ECU million)	CURRENT FINANCIAL YEAR (98) (ECU million)	FOLLOWING FINANCIAL YEAR (99) (ECU million)	
5.0 EXPENDITURE				
- CHARGED TO THE EC BUDGET (REFUNDS/INTERVENTION)		- 6	+ 6	
- NATIONAL AUTHORITIES				
- OTHER				
5.1. REVENUE				
- OWN RESOURCES OF THE EC (LEVIES/CUSTOMS DUTIES)				
- NATIONAL				
5.0.1 ESTIMATED EXPENDITURE	2000	2001	2002	2003
5.1.1 ESTIMATED REVENUE	-	-	-	-
5.2 METHOD OF CALCULATION: The hypothesis has been made that approximately 40% of the programmes for the first year will be paid after 15 October 1998.				
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 financial impact of this proposal will have to be taken into account when the correction letter for the preliminary draft 1999 budget is drawn up in October				



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