



COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

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Proposal for a

COUNCIL REGULATION (EC)

amending Regulation (EEC) No 1784/77 concerning the certification of hops

(presented by the Commission)

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

It is proposed that the Council adopt this proposal for a Regulation amending Regulation (EEC) No 1784/77 concerning the certification of hops.

Given that in the former German Democratic Republic, for technical reasons, certification of hops has traditionally taken place after processing into granules, which is not in accordance with Community legislation, and that a longer period of time is required for new investments than originally allowed for, it is proposed that the date of application of the transitional measures in the hops sector following the unification of Germany be postponed until 31 December 1996.

This proposal for a Regulation involves no direct expenditure from the Community budget.

This proposal for a Regulation has no impact on SMEs.

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COUNCIL REGULATION (EC) No**

amending Regulation (EEC) No 1784/77 concerning the certification of hops

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 1696/71 of 26 July 1971 on the common organization of the market in hops¹, and in particular Article 2(4) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Whereas Regulation (EEC) No 1784/77² specifies the stage at which certification must be carried out and lays down the conditions under which hop products may undergo further processing;

Whereas, in the former German Democratic Republic, the treatment of hops after harvest is traditionally different from that in other parts of the Community in the sense that, on numerous farms producing hops, cleaning and initial drying of cones is carried out at the same time as milling and pressing into granules, existing equipment not permitting separation of the two stages; whereas this procedure does not, however, conform to Community legislation, which lays down that certification must take place before any processing; whereas, to enable producers to spread their new investment over a suitable period, a transitional period longer than that provided for by Commission Regulation (EEC) No 2239/91 of 26 July 1991 on transitional measures applicable in the hop sector after the unification of Germany³, which expired on 31 December 1992, has been inserted in Regulation (EEC) No 1784/77; whereas, by

¹ OJ No L 175, 4.8.1971, p. 1. Regulation as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 3124/92 (OJ No L 313, 30.10.1992, p. 1).

² OJ No L 200, 8.8.1977, p. 1. Regulation as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 1987/93 (OJ No L 182, 24.7.1993, p. 1)

³ OJ No L 204, 27.7.1991, p. 14.

31 December 1995, the situation had not been regularized on certain farms; ~~whereas, therefore,~~ the said derogation should be extended by one year and the list of farms should be amended accordingly,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Regulation (EEC) No 1784/77 is hereby amended as follows:

1. In the second subparagraph of Article 1(3), "31 December 1995" is replaced by "31 December 1996".
2. The Annex is replaced by the Annex hereto.

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

For the Council

ANNEX

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Farms on which certification may be carried out after processing into granules:

LAND OF SAXONY-ANHALT:

Eichenbarleben (formerly Irrleben)
Osterweddingen
Blumenberg (formerly Langenweddingen)

LAND OF THURINGIA:

Kutzleben (formerly Bad Tennstedt)
Heringen
Kindelbrück
Vogelsberg (formerly Großbrennbach)
Großenehrich
Hohenebra"

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

1. BUDGET HEADING: 181 APPROPRIATIONS: ECU 18 million

2. TITLE:
 Proposal for a Council Regulation amending Regulation (EEC) No 1784/77 concerning the certification of hops.

3. LEGAL BASIS:
 Council Regulation (EEC) No 1696/71

4. AIMS:
 Amends the date laid down in Article 1(3) of Regulation (EEC) No 1784/77, and the Annex thereto.

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:	PERIOD OF 12 MONTHS	CURRENT FINANCIAL YEAR (96)	FOLLOWING FINANCIAL YEAR (97)	
	(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				
	1998	1999	2000	2001
	ECU million	ECU million	ECU million	ECU million
5.0.1. ESTIMATED EXPENDITURE	-	-	-	-
5.1.1. ESTIMATED REVENUE				

5.2. METHOD OF CALCULATION:

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

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