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on the Commission proposals for two Council regulations on
the prices for agricultural products and on related measures
(1991-1992)

(COM(91) 0072 final; C3-0109 and C3-0158/91)

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A

Commission proposal for a

3. Council Regulation (EEC) No. _____ fixing the prices applicable to cereals for the 1991/92 marketing year

Commission text¹

Amendments

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Second recital

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(Amendment No. 3)
Article 1

For the 1991/92 marketing year, the prices applicable to cereals shall be as set out in the Annex hereto.

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(The annex of the proposal for a regulation on p. 10 of COM(91)0072 is deleted)

DRAFT LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION

embodying the opinion of the European Parliament
on the Commission proposal to the Council for a

3. Council Regulation (EEC) No. fixing the prices applicable to
cereals for the 1991/92 marketing year

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the Commission proposal to the Council (COM(91) 0072 final)¹,
 - having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Article 43 of the EEC Treaty (C3-0109/91),
 - having regard to the second report of the Committee on Agriculture, Fisheries and Rural Development and the opinions of the Committee on Budgets, the Committee on External Economic Relations, the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Consumer Protection and the Committee on Development and Cooperation (A3-0104/91),
 - having regard to the second report of the Committee on Agriculture, Fisheries and Rural Development (A3-0158/91),
1. Approves the Commission proposal subject to Parliament's amendments and in accordance with the vote thereon;
 2. Calls on the Council to notify Parliament should it intend to depart from the text approved by Parliament;
 3. Asks to be consulted again should the Council intend to make substantial modifications to the Commission proposal;
 4. Instructs its President to forward this opinion to the Council and Commission.

¹ OJ No. C 104, 19 April 1991, p. 5

Commission proposal to the Council for a

52. Council Regulation (EEC) No. amending Regulation (EEC) No. 790/89
as regards the maximum amount of aid for quality and marketing
improvement in the nut and locust bean sector

Commission text¹Amendments

(Amendment No. 4)
First recital

Whereas Council Regulation (EEC) No. 790/89 fixed the maximum amount per hectare of the Member State's and the Community's financial contribution to the quality and marketing improvement plans referred to in Article 14d of Regulation (EEC) No. 1035/72; whereas this aid is essentially intended as a means of promoting grubbing operations followed by and/or varietal conversion; whereas, in order to ensure that this objective is actually achieved, the maximum amount per hectare should be subdivided to take account of the specific nature of each of the operations carried out for the execution of the plan; whereas the fixing of a scale must reflect the contribution of the various operations towards the pursuit of this objective; whereas a first ceiling representing the larger portion of the Community's financing must cover the operations which technically contribute most towards improving quality and which, in the light of experience, can be carried out each year only on a relatively small part of the orchard covered by the plan without encumbering the productive capital of the producer's organization; whereas a second, lower ceiling must finance the other types of operations relating to the remaining part of the orchard on which the basic quality improvement work is not being undertaken;

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(Amendment No. 5)
Second recital

Whereas provision should be made for a transitional period to allow for any adjustments and reviews of the plans approved up to the date of entry into force of this Regulation, Delete

(Amendment No. 6)
New recital 2a

2a. Whereas Community aid must be enough to offset the loss of income suffered by producers as a consequence of the carrying out of the replanting and varietal conversion plans.

(Amendment No. 7)
Article 1

Article 2 of Regulation (EEC) No. 790/89 is hereby replaced by the following:

'Article 2

The maximum amount per hectare referred to in Article 14d(2) of Regulation (EEC) No. 1035/72 in respect of a plan to be carried out over a period of 10 years shall be broken down as follows:

1. A maximum amount of ECU 400 per year during the first five years and of ECU 280 per year for the following five years shall relate to grubbing operations followed by replanting and/or varietal conversion.

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1. A maximum amount of ECU 600 per year during the first five years and of ECU 400 per year for the following five years shall relate to grubbing operations followed by replanting and/or varietal conversion, from the date when the grubbing operations effectively start.

This maximum amount shall cover the financing of the work connected with execution for the abovementioned operations, which shall relate the first year to an area not greater than 10% of the total area of the orchard covered by the plan. Each of the following years this area may increase by a maximum of 10% in relation to the area covered by the plan.

2. A maximum amount of ECU 100 per year, over a period of 10 years, for the work connected with the execution of any other operations relating to the remaining part of the orchard.
3. The amounts referred to in points 1 and 2 shall be multiplied, in accordance with a scale, by coefficients to take into account the specific nature of the operations undertaken.'

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This limit of 10% shall not apply to areas of less than 5 ha.

2. A maximum amount of ECU 200 per year, over a period of 10 years, for the work connected with the execution of any other operations relating to the remaining part of the orchard
3. Delete

(Amendment No. 8)
Article 2

Detailed rules for the application of this Regulation shall be adopted in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 33 of Regulation (EEC) No. 1035/72.

They shall include the definition of the operations and the fixing of the scale referred to in Article 1.

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(Amendment No. 9)
Article 3

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

It shall apply:

- (a) forthwith in respect of the quality and marketing improvement plans approved as from the date of its entry into force;
- (b) from 1 September 1992 in respect of the plans approved prior to the entry into force provided for in the first subparagraph.

It shall not apply in respect of expenditure committed before the date of entry into force referred to in the first subparagraph for the execution of plans previously approved.

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- (a) forthwith in respect of the quality and marketing improvement plans approved as from 1 January 1992;
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