

# COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

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Proposal for a

COUNCIL REGULATION (EEC)

amending, as regards the Common agricultural policy,  
Regulation (EEC) N°1911/91 on  
the application of the provisions of Community law for the  
Canary Island

(presented by the Commission)

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

I. Council Regulation (EEC) No 1911/91 of 26 June made provision for the arrangements applying to the Canary Islands under the 1985 Act of Accession (in particular Protocol 2) to be changed by gradual incorporation of the islands in to the customs territory of the Community and general application of the common policies, to be accompanied by suitable measures to compensate for their insular character and remoteness.

Application of the common agricultural policy from 1 January 1992 (on the lines set out in the Poseican programme adopted by the Council on 26 June) was to be accompanied by introduction of specific supply arrangements to meet the essential requirements of the population and the local economy under which no customs duties or levies would be charged and Community aid would be granted on products from the rest of the Community. There were also to be measures geared to the specific constraints of the island group to support the local economy and develop essential local agricultural, particularly tropical, production.

II. Because of the need to give more detailed consideration to the requirements of the islands' market and to elaborate suitable measures with the partnership of the national and regional authorities application of the new arrangements from 1 January 1992 will not be possible and it is proposed to defer them until at the latest 1 July 1992. This need not affect application of the other common policies as provided for in Regulation (EEC) No 1911/91.

III. Deferral will mean that for agricultural products the arrangements set out in Protocol 2 annexed to the 1985 Act of Accession will continue to apply, ie no import duty on supplies from the world market and refunds on supplies from the Community market.

IV. The same requirements of more thorough consideration and concertation dictate postponement until 1 July 1992 at the latest of application of the options set out in the Poseima programme for the Azores and Madeira, but since no change in regulatory status is involved no further act is necessary at this time. The measures introduced several months ago will ensure supply of agricultural products from the rest of the Community to meet consumption requirements on the islands will continue to apply.

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of

amending, as regards the Common agricultural policy, Regulation (EEC) No 1911/91 on the application of the provisions of Community law for the Canary Islands.

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,

Having regard to the Act of Accession of Spain and Portugal, and in particular the first subparagraph of Article 25(4) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission<sup>1</sup>,

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

Whereas the Council, by Regulation (EEC) No 1911/91 of 26 June 1991<sup>3</sup>, decided that the Canary Islands should progressively become part of the Community's customs territory and that, again progressively, all common policies should be applied to them; whereas it was decided that this should be without prejudice to special measures designed to take account of the specific constraints arising from their remoteness, insular nature and previous economic and tax arrangements;

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1 OJ No C,

2 OJ No C,

3 OJ No L 171, 29.6.1991, p.1

Whereas under Articles 2 and 10 of the above mentioned Regulation application of the common agricultural policy is conditional on entry into force of specific supply arrangements; whereas application must moreover be accompanied by special measures for the agricultural production of the islands;

Whereas the Council Decision of 26 June 1991 setting up a programme of options specific to the remote and insular nature of the Canary Islands (Poseican)<sup>4</sup> set out the general lines of the options to be exercised to take account of the specific features and constraints encountered in the islands;

Whereas for the preparation and implementation of policy instruments a fuller picture is needed of the islands' market requirements, with due attention paid to local production and traditional trade flows, so that the most suitable measures can be framed for supporting and improving agriculture in the islands, and in particular developing tropical products;

Whereas the measures must be drawn up within the framework of a partnership between the Commission and the national and regional authorities in order to secure complementarity with measures adopted at national and regional level;

Whereas owing to the complexity of the preparatory work needed in order to take due account of the specific features and constraints as mentioned above and to the requirements involved in the partnership it will not be possible to apply from 1 January 1992 the measures that are to accompany introduction of the common agricultural policy to the islands; whereas applications should be deferred to at the latest 1 July 1992;

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4 OJ No L 171, 29.6.1991, p. 5

Whereas it should be recalled that until entry into force of the specific supply arrangements the provisions of the Act of Accession on application of the common agricultural policy to the Canary Islands shall apply, except for those governing access of products originating in the islands to other parts of the Community,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

In Article 10(2) of Council Regulation (EEC) No 1911/91 the date of 1 January 1992 in the second sentence is replaced by 1 July 1992.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 1 January 1992.

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

Done at Brussels,

For the Council

# FINANCIAL STATEMENT

DATE:

1. BUDGET HEADING: 183  
251

APPROPRIATIONS: ECU 46 million  
ECU 21 million

2. TITLE:

Amendment to Regulation (EEC) No 1911/91 on the application of the provisions of Community law to the Canary Islands as regards the application of the common agricultural policy.

3. LEGAL BASIS: Article 24 of the Act of Accession of Spain and Portugal  
Council Regulation (EEC) No 1911/91

4. AIMS OF PROJECT:

Postponement of the date of application of the CAP to the Canary Islands from 1 January to 1 July 1992.

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS	Period of 12 months	Current Financial Year	Following Financial Year	
	ECU million	1992 ECU million	1993 ECU million	
5.0 EXPENDITURE				
- CHARGED TO THE EC BUDGET				
- (REFUNDS/INTERVENTION)		- 20		-
- NATIONAL ADMINISTRATION				
- OTHER				
5.1 REVENUE				
- OWN RESOURCES OF THE EC (LEVIES/CUSTOMS DUTIES)				
- NATIONAL				
	1994	1995	1996	1997
5.0.1 ESTIMATED EXPENDITURE				
5.1.1 ESTIMATED REVENUE				

5.2 METHOD OF CALCULATION:

This measure will result in substantial time being lost in the implementation of the POSEICAN and POSEIMA programmes budget appropriations which amount to ECU 20 million in the 1992 draft budget. This expenditure is therefore likely not to be committed before 15 October 1992.

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 IS A SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET NECESSARY?  
NO

6.3 WILL FUTURE BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS BE NECESSARY?  
NO

OBSERVATIONS:





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# DOCUMENTS

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