



COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

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**REPORT FROM THE COMMISSION TO THE COUNCIL**

on the cost of the aid measures for the transport of certain fruit and vegetables in 1994  
provided for in Council Regulation (EEC) No 3438/92

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Proposal for a  
**COUNCIL REGULATION (EC)**  
amending Regulation (EEC) No 3438/92 laying down special measures  
for the transport of certain fresh fruit and vegetables originating in Greece  
as regards their period of application

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(presented by the Commission)



## EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

1. Council Regulation (EEC) No 3438/92, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 456/95, provides for the grant in 1992, 1993 and 1994 of a special temporary allowance for the transport of certain Greek fresh fruit and vegetables to Community Member States other than Italy, Spain and Portugal as a result of the need for these products to avoid the territory of the former Yugoslavia.
2. Article 2(4) of Council Regulation (EEC) No 3438/92 provides that the Commission is to present a report to the Council on the cost of the aid measures for the transport of certain fruit and vegetables. The report covering consignments in 1991 (governed by Council Regulation (EEC) No 525/92) and 1992 was presented in document COM(94) 89 final. The report concerning consignments in 1993 is contained in document COM(94) 534 final. The current report concerns the cost of the measures in 1994, amounting to some ECU 9 million, which were borne by the EAGGF.
3. In view of the fact that transport conditions in some territories of the former Yugoslavia have not yet returned to what they were before the war, it is proposed also that the Council prolong the measure for the first six months of 1996.
4. Since this exceptional measure for the transport of certain fresh fruit and vegetables is a matter falling within the Community's exclusive jurisdiction, the measures must be adopted by the Community.

## COMMISSION REPORT TO THE COUNCIL

### on the cost of the aid measures for the transport of certain fruit and vegetables in 1994 provided for in Council Regulation (EEC) No 3438/92

The Commission is required under Article 2(4) of Council Regulation (EEC) No 3438/92<sup>1</sup>, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 456/95<sup>2</sup>, to present a report to the Council on the cost of the aid measures for the transport of certain fruit and vegetables.

The first report covering 1991 and 1992 was presented on 22 March 1994 (COM(94) 89 final). The second report covering 1993 was presented on 29 November 1994 (COM(94) 534 final). The present report concerns the cost of the measures in 1994.

#### 1. Background

The conflict in Yugoslavia, which erupted in 1991, hampered the transport of certain Greek agricultural products destined for other Community Member States, in particular fruit and vegetables, which are highly perishable.

As a result of this exceptional situation, unprecedented since the introduction of the common agricultural policy, the Council took a decision, in respect of fruit and vegetables covered by Council Regulation (EEC) No 1035/72<sup>3</sup>, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1363/95<sup>4</sup>, on account of their perishability, to compensate for the costs arising as a result of the need to avoid the territory of the former Yugoslavia.

#### 2. Regulatory framework

Council Regulation (EEC) No 3438/92 provides for the grant of a special temporary allowance in 1992, 1993, 1994 and 1995 on consignments made by wagon, lorry or vessel to Member States other than Italy, Spain and Portugal.

The Commission subsequently adopted a number of implementing regulations, including Regulation (EC) No 1402/94<sup>5</sup> concerning consignments in 1994.

The aid amount that year was ECU 4 per 100 kg net weight.

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<sup>1</sup> OJ No L 350, 1.12.1992, p. 1.

<sup>2</sup> OJ No L 47, 2. 3.1995, p. 1.

<sup>3</sup> OJ No L 118, 20. 5.1972, p. 1.

<sup>4</sup> OJ No L 132, 16. 6.1995, p. 8.

<sup>5</sup> OJ No L 154, 21.6.1994, p. 4.

The competent Greek authorities were instructed to examine aid applications and their admissibility and to proceed with payments. They were instructed also to carry out the necessary checks on these operations.

Financing is provided by the European Agricultural Guidance and Guarantee Fund (EAGGF), Guarantee Section.

The Greek authorities are required to notify the Commission of the quantities qualifying for the transport aid.

### 3. Cost of the aid

The figures below have been prepared on the basis of information sent by Greece on 19 January 1996 concerning consignments in 1994 which qualified for transport aid. The data supplied to the Commission are broken down by product, means of transport and Member State of destination.

In 1994, aid was granted in respect of 217 209 136 kg of fruit and vegetables, which was 6% less than in 1993. The cost of the measure can be put therefore at ECU 8 688 365.

### 4. Summary

Table 1 gives a breakdown by product of the quantities dispatched. Grapes are the main product that benefited from the measures, accounting for 37% of the consignments on which the allowance was granted. Next come peaches and nectarines (16%), followed by cucumbers (12%).

Germany was by far the principal consignee Member State, receiving 71% of the quantities dispatched, followed by the Netherlands (16%) and the United Kingdom (10%) (see Table 2).

Consignments by lorry represented 96% of the quantities dispatched, while those by wagon and vessel represented only 3% and 1% respectively.

**Table 1**

Consignments of Greek fruit and vegetables which qualified for transport aid in 1994

Product	Quantity (kg)	Percentage (%)	Expenditure (ECU)
Grapes	79 289 033	37	3 171 561
Peaches	34 095 422	16	1 363 817
Apricots	10 651 480	5	426 059
Asparagus	18 395 840	8	735 834
Kiwifruit	10 164 459	5	406 578
Oranges	7 289 249	3	291 570
Mandarins	3 318 227	2	132 729
Cherries	7 717 640	4	308 706
Plums	63 650	0	2 546
Mirabelles	26 336	0	1 053
Aubergines	13 440	0	538
Peppers	1 041 173	0	41 647
Melons	46 966	0	1 879
Lemons	2 198	0	88
Cucumbers	25 800 430	12	1 032 017
Watermelons	19 257 407	9	770 296
Others	36 186	0	1 447
<b>Total</b>	<b>217 209 136</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>8 688 365</b>

**Table 2**

Consignments of Greek fruit and vegetables which qualified for transport aid in 1994  
by Member State of destination

Member State of destination	Quantity (kg)	Percentage (%)
D	148 450 371	70.5
NL	39 719 204	16.4
UK	24 902 615	10.0
F	2 104 384	1.5
DK	365 062	1.4
B	1 667 440	0.3

Proposal for a

**COUNCIL REGULATION (EC) No /96 96/0100 (CNS)**

**amending Regulation (EEC) No 3438/92  
laying down special measures for the transport  
of certain fresh fruit and vegetables originating in Greece  
as regards their period of application**

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>,

Whereas Regulation (EEC) No 3438/92<sup>3</sup> lays down special measures for the transport of certain fresh fruit and vegetables originating in Greece dispatched in the period 1992 to 1995 to Member States other than Italy, Spain and Portugal;

Whereas, since transport conditions in certain territories of the former Yugoslavia continue to be poor despite the cessation of hostilities in the region, these measures, covering temporary assistance to the operators involved in avoiding those territories, should be extended for a period of six months,

**HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:**

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<sup>1</sup> OJ No C ...

<sup>2</sup> OJ No ...

<sup>3</sup> OJ No L 350, 1.12.1992, p. 1. Regulation last amended by Regulation (EC) No 456/95 (OJ No L 47, 2.3.1995, p. 1.).

## Article 1

Regulation (EEC) No 3438/92 is hereby amended as follows.

1. Article 2(1) and (2) is replaced by the following:

"1. The special temporary allowance shall be granted from 1 January 1992 to 30 June 1996 for the marketing of the fruit and vegetables referred to in Article 1.

2. The amount of the special temporary allowance shall be determined in such a way as to contribute to meeting the additional transport costs arising as a result of the poor transport conditions obtaining in certain regions of the former Yugoslavia. It may be fixed on a flat-rate basis."

2. The first indent of Article 3 is deleted.

## Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on the date of 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 Brussels,

For the Council



# FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Date: 13 February 1996

1. BUDGET HEADING: 1509

APPROPRIATIONS:  
B96: ECU 57 million

2. TITLE:

Proposal for a Council Regulation amending Regulation (EEC) No 3438/92 laying down special measures for the transport of certain fresh fruit and vegetables originating in Greece as regards the period of their application

3. LEGAL BASIS: Article 43 of the Treaty

4. AIMS: To extend the special transport allowance for Greece to 30 June 1996

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

PERIOD OF  
12 MONTHS

CURRENT  
FINANCIAL  
YEAR (96)  
(ECU million)

FOLLOWING  
FINANCIAL  
YEAR (97)  
(ECU million)

(ECU million)

5.0. EXPENDITURE  
- CHARGED TO THE EC BUDGET  
(REFUNDS/INTERVENTION)  
- NATIONAL AUTHORITIES  
- OTHER

4.9

4.3

0.6

5.1. REVENUE  
- OWN RESOURCES OF THE EC  
(LEVIES/CUSTOMS DUTIES)  
- NATIONAL

1998

1999

2000

2001

5.0.1. ESTIMATED EXPENDITURE

5.1.1. ESTIMATED REVENUE

5.2. METHOD OF CALCULATION:

Quantities forecast for export over the six months: 100 000 t  
100 000 t x ECU 48.3/t x 1.006 = ECU 4.9 million, of which  
ECU 4.3 million = 1996 budget, and  
ECU 0.6 million = 1997 budget

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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