

COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

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Proposal for a

COUNCIL REGULATION (EEC)

drawing up the list of regions in which production aid for hops
is granted only to recognized producer groups

(submitted to the Council by the Commission)

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EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

1. The purpose of this proposal for a draft Council Regulation is to add "England" to the list of regions in which, in accordance with Article 12 of Regulation (EEC) No 1696/71 (the basic Regulation of the common organization of the market in hops) production aid is granted only to producer groups.

2. The information supplied by the United Kingdom to the Commission shows that a producer group has been created in the region in question which fulfils the conditions laid down in Article 12 of Regulation No 1696/71 as regards ensuring that its members receive a fair income and achieving rational management of supply and that it was subsequently recognized by the authorities in that Member State, who noted that the conditions laid down for recognition, as laid down in Article 7 of Regulation No 1696/71, had been fulfilled.

3. The list of regions was last drawn up by Council Regulation No, 539/79 of 26 March 1979. In the interests of clarity it is proposed that the Regulation in question be repealed and that a new list be drawn up, valid as from the 1981 harvest.

4. No direct financial consequence arises from this draft proposal.

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THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 1696/71 of 26 July 1971 on the common organization of the market in hops (1), as last amended by the 1979 Act of Accession, and in particular Article 12(4)(2) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Whereas Regulation (EEC) No 1696/71 provides in Article 12 for the possibility of granting in certain regions of the Community, production aid only to those recognized producer groups which are capable of ensuring that their members receive a fair income and of achieving rational management of supply; whereas a list of the regions in which these conditions are fulfilled is drawn up on the basis of communications from the Member States concerned;

Whereas by Regulation (EEC) No 593/79 (3) the Council drew up a list of these regions;

Whereas, since the entry into force of Regulation (EEC) No 593/79 an examination of the information supplied by the United Kingdom establishes that a new region fulfils these conditions as from the 1982 harvest; whereas, consequently, the list of regions in which production aid for hops is granted only to recognized producer associations needs to be altered; whereas, in order to do this, and for the sake of clarity, Regulation (EEC) No 593/79 should be replaced by this Regulation,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The list of Community regions in which only recognized hop producer groups are eligible for the production aid provided for in Article 12 of Regulation (EEC) No 1696/71 is set out in the Annex. It shall be valid as from the 1981 harvest for all these regions with the exception of England in respect of which it shall be valid as from the 1982 harvest.

Article 2

Regulation (EEC) No 593/79 is hereby repealed.

Article 3

This Regulation shall enter into force on the third 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

(1) OJ No L 175, 4. 8.1971, p.1

(2) OJ No L 78, 30. 3.1979, p.7

ANNEX

List of regions

Bayern

Baden-Württemberg

Rheinland-Pfalz

Ireland

Alsace

England