# COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

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## Proposal for a

### REGULATION (REC) OF THE COUNCIL

amending Council Regulation (EEC) No 2511/69 of 9

December 1969 laying down special measures for improving the production and marketing of Community citrus fruit

(submitted to the Council by the Commission)



#### EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

- 1. Regulation (EEC) No. 2511/69 lays down measures for improving the production and marketing of Community citrus fruit.
  - As regards production, that Regulation provides in particular for aid for replanting. In addition, small farmers are granted special aid as partial compensation for loss of income due to replanting.
- 2. One of the criteria for granting this additional aid is that the area of the undertaking is not more than 5 hectares. It has been found that in some cases, although the total area of the undertaking is more than 5 hectares, the agricultural area utilisable does not exceed the limit because part of the land is not cultivable. In such cases the economic situation of the undertaking is identical to that of an undertaking with a total area of 5 hectares which is entirely utilised. It therefore appears just to amend the text of the Regulation so as to enable such undertakings to be afforded equal treatment.

Draft proposal for a Regulation amending Council Regulation (EEC) No. 2511/69 of 9 December 1969 laying down special measures for improving the production and marketing of Community citrus fruit.

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community, and in particular Article 43 thereof;

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission;

Having regard to the Opinion of the European Parliament;

Mereas Council Regulation (EEC) No. 2511/69 of 9 December 1969 laying down special measures for improving the production and marketing of Community citrus fruit <sup>1</sup>provides for additional aid for small farmers as partial compensation for loss of income due to replanting;



<sup>1 0.</sup>J. No. 34, 27 February 1964, p. 586/64.

Whereas one of the conditions for granting additional aid is that the total area of the undertaking is not more than 5 hectares; whereas, where the total area of the undertaking is more than 5 hectares but the area utilisable does not exceed that limit since the rest of the land is not cultivable, the farmer's economic situation is the same as in the cases expressly mentioned in the Regulation;

Whereas the same treatment should be extended totall farmers whose area planted does not exceed 5 hectares;

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

#### Article 1

In the first indent of Article 4 (1) of Regulation (EEC) No. 2511/69, the word 'total' is replaced by 'utilisable'.

#### Article 2

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.

pone at Brussels,

For the Council
The President

#### FINANCIAL ANNUX

The effects of this proposal for an amendemnt to Regulation (EEC) No. 2511/69 will be negligible since it is intended only to regulate certain cases in which disputes could arise and since in any case the other conditions laid down in Article 4 (1) are upheld. In particular, the beneficiary's income may not exceed the income derived from 2 hectares of orange and mandarin trees.