

COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

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Proposal for a
COUNCIL DIRECTIVE
amending Directive 75/275/EEC concerning the Community List of
less-favoured areas within the meaning of Council Directive
75/268/EEC (Netherlands)

(submitted to the Council by the Commission)

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EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

In accordance with Article 2 of the Council Directive on mountain and hill farming and farming in certain less favoured areas, the Government has proposed to inscribe certain small areas affected by specific handicaps in the Community list of less favoured areas within the meaning of Directive 75/268.

On the basis of the Commission proposal the Council established through Directive 75/275/EEC the Community list of less favoured agricultural areas. It has become evident meantime that a certain number of the areas included in the annex to Directive 75/275, have been withdrawn from agriculture for reasons of nature conservation.

By reason of this change, it is no longer necessary that these areas remain on the Community list.

On the other hand, the Government has requested the inscription in the Community list of other areas affected by the same specific handicaps which correspond to the characteristics specified for the designation of the zones appearing in the Community list established in 1975.

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Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,

Having regard to Council Directive 75/268/EEC of 28 April 1975 on mountain and hill farming and farming in certain less-favoured areas¹, as last amended by Directive 80/666/EEC², and in particular Article 2(3) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Having regard to the opinion of the European Parliament,

Whereas Council Directive 75/275/EEC of 28 April 1975 concerning the Community list of less-favoured farming areas within the meaning of Directive 75/268/EEC (Netherlands)³ indicates the areas in the Netherlands included in the Community list of less-favoured areas within the meaning of Article 3(5) of Directive 75/268/EEC;

Whereas the Netherlands Government has applied, under Article 2(1) of Directive 75/268/EEC, to have the list of areas contained in the Annex to Directive 75/275/EEC amended in accordance with the Annex to this Directive;

Whereas the new areas contained in the list correspond to the criteria and values which were applied in Directive 75/275/EEC for determining the areas concerned within the meaning of Article 3(5) of Directive 75/268/EEC;

Whereas moreover the total surface area of these areas is less than 2.5% of the total surface area of the Netherlands;

HAS ADOPTED THIS DIRECTIVE:

¹ OJ No L 128, 19.5.1975, p. 1

² OJ No L 180, 14.7.1980, p. 34

³ OJ No L 128, 19.5.1975, p. 229

ANNEX

LESS-FAVOURED AREAS WITHIN THE MEANING OF ARTICLE 3(5) OF DIRECTIVE
75/268/EEC

Provinces	Area in hectares	Number of areas
Groningen	40	1
Friesland	2.897	10
Drenthe	220	5
Overijssel	2.041	7
Gelderland	1.695	10
Utrecht	92	2
North-Holland	415	2
South-Holland	890	4
Zeeland	532	9
North-Holland	1.582	4
Limburg	792	2
Netherlands	11.178	56

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Date : 25.3.1981

1. BUDGET HEADING : 820

APPROBIATIONS : 95 Mio ECU

2. TITLE : Draft Proposal for a Council Directive modifying Directive 75/275/EEC concerning the Community list of less-favoured areas within the meaning of Council Directive 75/268/EEC (Netherlands)

3. LEGAL BASIS : Article 6 of Regulation 729/70

4. AIMS OF PROJECT : Up-dating of Dutch less-favoured areas

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS (addition.)	PERIOD OF 12 MONTHS	CURRENT FINANCIAL YEAR (81)	FOLLOWING FINANCIAL YEAR (82)
5.0 EXPENDITURE			
- CHARGED TO THE EC BUDGET (REFUNDS/INTERVENTIONS)		p.m.	p.m.
- NATIONAL ADMINISTRATION		p.m.	p.m.
- OTHER		-	-
5.1 RECEIPTS			
- OWN RESOURCES OF THE EC (LEVIES/CUSTOMS DUTIES)		-	-
- NATIONAL		-	-
	1983		
5.0.1 ESTIMATED EXPENDITURE	p.m.		
5.1.1 ESTIMATED RECEIPTS			

5.2 METHOD OF CALCULATION The areas withdrawn from the list being slightly greater than the new areas inscribed, there will not be any cost increase but in fact a very slight reduction.

6.0 CAN THE PROJECT BE FINANCED FROM APPROBIATIONS 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 IS A SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET BE NECESSARY ?

YES/NO

6.3 WILL FUTURE BUDGET APPROBIATIONS BE NECESSARY ?

YES/NO

OBSERVATIONS :