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Amendment to the proposal for a

COUNCIL REGULATION (EEC)

*on action by the Community for the protection of
the environment in the mediterranean region*

(MEDSPA)

(presented by the Commission pursuant to Article 149(3)
of the EEC-Treaty)

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

At its sitting on 13 December 1990 the European Parliament delivered an opinion on the Commission proposal set out in document COM(89)598 final of 9 March 1990.

This proposal takes account of the amendments requested by the European Parliament where the Commission has been able to accept them.

ORIGINAL TEXT

AMENDED TEXT

Twelfth Recital

Whereas the Commission has decided to launch a scheme concerning structural funds and the environment (ENVIREG); whereas, on the other hand, it is necessary to launch an additional scheme to benefit the environment in the Mediterranean region, which is the subject of this Regulation;

Whereas the Commission has set up a scheme concerning the environment (ENVIREG) within the framework of the structural funds; whereas, on the other hand, it is necessary to extend this kind of measure and launch innovative schemes to benefit the environment in the Mediterranean region, which is the subject of this Regulation;

Article 1, paragraph 2a (new)

- 2a. In order to avoid any possible overlapping or duplication of measures in the region covered by this Regulation, a report shall be drawn up on all existing programmes and projects designed to protect the environment of the Mediterranean region.

Article 2, fifth indent

- to encourage the transfer of the appropriate technologies to protect the Mediterranean environment.
- to encourage the transfer and adaptation of the relevant technological information, methods, measures and innovations to protect and improve the Mediterranean environment.

Article 2, after fifth indent new indent

- to promote publicity regarding the need to protect the Mediterranean environment and promote the training of adults and environmental education for children and young people.

Article 4

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Article 5

The financial support provided for in this Regulation may be granted in respect of operations which fall within the priorities referred to in Article 4.

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- permit the transfer of technologies and their adaptation to the situation in the Mediterranean environment, or
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- permit the transfer of technologies and their adaptation to the situation in the Mediterranean environment, or
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Article 8, first indent

- a maximum of 50% of the total cost in the case of public investment projects, and pilot or demonstration projects;

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Article 8, second indent

- a maximum of 30% of the total cost in the case of private investment projects;

Deleted

Article 9(2)

2. Without prejudice to checks carried out by the Court of Auditors in conjunction with the competent national control institutions or services under Article 206b of the Treaty or to any inspection carried out on the basis of Article 209c of the Treaty, Commission officials or employees may carry out on-the-spot checks, including sample checks, in respect of operations financed by Community action.

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Article 10(3)

3. Any sum which is unduly received by the beneficiary shall be repaid to the Commission. Interest may be charged on sums not repaid in due time. The Commission shall lay down the detailed rules for the implementation of this paragraph.

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Annex I, new preamble

In order to gain the optimum benefit from the measures, account should be taken of those clean technologies that are best suited to the requirements and the conditions.

Annex, point 1, after the third subparagraph a new subparagraph

Reafforestation using indigenous species and measures to increase the area of vegetation;

ORIGINAL TEXT

AMENDED TEXT

Annex, point 1, fourth subparagraph

Integrated management of biotopes
of Community interest in coastal
regions

Integrated management of biotopes
and habitats of Community interest
in coastal and interior regions.

Annex, point 1, after the final subparagraph
three new subparagraphs

Protection of soil whose quality
has deteriorated as a result of
fire or desertification

Protection of the soil against
coastal erosion

Annex, new point 3

3. Joint measures by Community and
non-Community Mediterranean
countries in the priority
sectors referred to under point
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