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Proposal for a

COUNCIL REGULATION (EC)

extending the period provided for in Article 149(1) of the Act of Accession of Austria,
Finland and Sweden

(presented by the Commission)

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

1. Article 149(1) of the Act of Accession of Austria, Finland and Sweden provided for a period during which the Commission could adopt any transitional measures which appeared necessary to facilitate the transition from the regimes existing in the new Member States at the time of Accession to those resulting from application of the common organisation of the markets under the conditions set out in the Act, in particular if, for certain products, there were serious difficulties in applying the arrangements from 1 January 1995.

That transitional period expires on 31 December 1997. Application of measures adopted on the above legal basis also ends on that date.

2. During the period concerned, the Commission has adopted necessary measures in several sectors, covering *inter alia* cereals, the support arrangements for producers of certain arable crops, eggs, fresh fruit and vegetables, wine and certain spirit drinks. Despite application of those measures, there are difficulties in certain sectors which are unlikely to be solved before 31 December 1997.

The transitional measures concern in particular the delimitation of the wine-growing area in Austria for the application of certain oenological practices and treatments.

3. The possibility of extending the transitional period, provided for in Article 149(2) of the Act of Accession, should therefore be used. Application of a general provision authorising, on the basis of objective situations restricted to a new Member State, the application of transitional measures restricted to the territory of that Member State, should be extended by one year.

Adoption before 31 December 1997 is required in order to avoid interrupting measures whose continued application is fully justified.

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of

extending the period provided for in Article 149(1) of the Act of Accession of Austria,
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THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Act of Accession of Austria, Finland and Sweden, and in particular
Article 149(2) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Having regard to the opinion of the European Parliament,

Whereas Article 149(1) of the Act of Accession provides for a period during which
transitional measures may be adopted to facilitate the transition from the regimes existing
in Austria, Finland and Sweden at the time of Accession to those resulting from the
application of the common organisation of the markets under the conditions set out in the
Act and, in particular, to overcome the serious difficulties in applying the new regimes
from the date laid down; whereas that period expires on 31 December 1997;

Whereas, in certain sectors, these difficulties cannot be resolved by the date laid down
and the period in question should therefore be extended, as provided for in the Act;
whereas the said period should be extended by one year,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The period referred to in Article 149(1) of the Act of Accession of Austria, Finland and
Sweden is hereby extended until 31 December 1998.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 1 January 1998.

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This Regulation shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in all Member States.

Done at Brussels,

For the Council

The President

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

APPROPRIATIONS: ECU 862.8 million
and ECU 137.8 million

1. BUDGET HEADING:

Chapters 16 and 24.

2. TITLE:

Proposal for a Council Regulation extending the period provided for by Article 149(1) of the Act of Accession of Austria, Finland and Sweden.

3. LEGAL BASIS:

Article 149 of the Act of Accession of Austria, Finland and Sweden.

4. AIMS:

To extend by one year the period during which transitional measures may be adopted in the new Member States.

	PERIOD OF 12 MONTHS (ECU million)	CURRENT FINANCIAL YEAR (97) (ECU million)	FOLLOWING FINANCIAL YEAR (98) (ECU million)
5.0 EXPENDITURE			
- CHARGED TO THE EC BUDGET (REFUNDS/INTERVENTION)	-	-	-
- NATIONAL AUTHORITIES			
- OTHER			
5.1. REVENUE			
- OWN RESOURCES OF THE EC (LEVIES/CUSTOMS DUTIES)			
- NATIONAL			
5.0.1 ESTIMATED EXPENDITURE	1999 ECU million	2000 ECU million	2001 ECU million
5.1.1 ESTIMATED REVENUE	-	-	-
5.2 METHOD OF CALCULATION:			2002 ECU million

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:

As regards the wine sector: the measure involves only technical rules of application and so has no financial consequences.

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