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(Acts whose publication is not obligatory)

COMMISSION

COMMISSION DECISION

of 27 June 1977

on the adjustment of the boundaries of less-favoured areas pursuant to Council Directive 75/268/EEC of 28 April 1975 (Belgium)

(Only the French and Dutch texts are authentic)

(77/456/EEC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

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 areas [1], and in particular Article 2 (3) thereof,

Whereas Council Directive 75/269/EEC of 28 April 1975 concerning the Community list of less-favoured areas within the meaning of Directive 75/268/EEC (Belgium) [2] indicates the areas of Belgium which are included in the Community list of less-favoured areas within the meaning of Article 3 (4) of Directive 75/268/EEC ;

Whereas the Belgian Government has applied under Article 2 (1) of Directive 75/268/EEC to have the boundaries of the areas listed in the Annex to Directive 75/269/EEC adjusted as shown in the Annex to this Decision ;

Whereas the proposed adjustments to the said areas satisfy the criteria applied by Directive 75/269/EEC when the areas within the meaning of Article 3 (4) of Directive 75/268/EEC were fixed ;

Whereas the adjustments requested by the Belgian Government do not increase the effective area of agricultural land within the less-favoured areas of that Member State by more than 0·5 % of the total utilized agricultural area of that Member State ;

Whereas the EAGGF Committee has been consulted on the financial aspects ;

Whereas the measures provided for in this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the Standing Committee on Agricultural Structure,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION :

Article 1

The list of less-favoured areas in Belgium contained in the Annex to Directive 75/269/EEC is hereby replaced by the list contained in the Annex hereto.

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to the Kingdom of Belgium.

Done at Brussels, 27 June 1977.

For the Commission

The President

Finn GUNDELACH

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[1] OJ No L 128, 19. 5. 1975, p. 1.
[2] OJ No L 128, 19. 5. 1975, p. 8.

ANNEX

LESS-FAVOURED AREAS WITHIN THE MEANING OF ARTICLE 3 (4) OF DIRECTIVE 75/268/EEC

(a) **Complete agricultural regions of**

Haute Ardenne
Famenne
Fagne
Ardenne
Région Jurassique

(b) **Région herbagère**

Aywaille
Ferrières
Jalhay
Lierneux
Spa
Sprimont
Stavelot
Stoumont
Theux
Trois-Ponts
Vielsalm

The territory of the commune of Verviers which was part of the communes of Polleur and Theux before 1 January 1977.

The territory of the commune of Esneux which was part of the commune of Dolembreux before 1 January 1977.

The territory situated south of the Vesdre, in the communes of Baelen, Eupen and Raeren.