# COMMISSION DECISION

**of 10 September 1982**

**adjusting the boundaries of less-favoured areas within the meaning of Council Directive 75/268/EEC (United Kingdom)**

**(Only the English text is authentic)**

(82/656/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], as last amended by Directive 80/666/EEC [2], and in particular Article 2 (3) thereof,

Whereas Council Directive 75/276/EEC of 28 April 1975 concerning the Community list of less-favoured farming areas within the meaning of Directive 75/268/EEC (United Kingdom) [3], as amended by Commission Decision 76/685/EEC [4], identifies the areas in the United Kingdom included in the Community list of less-favoured areas within the meaning of Article 3 (4) of Directive 75/268/EEC;

Whereas the Government of the United Kingdom has applied under Article 2 (1) of Directive 75/268/EEC for the inclusion of the Scilly Isles with a total area of 1 796 hectares and a utilized agricultural area of 700 hectares as a less-favoured area within the meaning of Article 3 (5) of Directive 75/268/EEC in the Community list of less-favoured areas in the United Kingdom;

Whereas the new region applied for is characterized by specific handicaps, especially unfavourable natural conditions for farming (strong winds, steep gradients, boulders, windblown sands) as well as water-supply limitations, permitting it to be classified as an area within the meaning of Article 3 (5) of Directive 75/268/EEC which may be ranked with the less-favoured areas within the meaning of Article 3 (4) of the Directive; whereas the area in question is less than 2·5 % of the total surface area of the United Kingdom;

Whereas farming must be continued to conserve the countryside in these islands; whereas the adjustments applied for by the United Kingdom Government do not have the combined effect of increasing the utilized agricultural area of all the listed areas by more than 1·5 % of the total utilized agricultural area of the United Kingdom;

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 Structures,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

*Article 1*

The list of less-favoured areas in the United Kingdom contained in the Annex to Directive 75/276/EEC is hereby amended as shown in the Annex hereto.

*Article 2*

This Decision is addressed to the United Kingdom.

Done at Brussels, 10 September 1982.

*For the Commission*

Poul DALSAGER

*Member of the Commission*

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[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. 231.
[4] OJ No L 231, 21. 8. 1976, p. 30.

*BIJLAGE — BILAG — ANHANG — ANNEX — ANNEXE — ALLEGATO — ΠΑΡΑΡΤΗΜΑ*

**Less-favoured areas within the meaning of Article 3 (5) of Directive 75/268/EEC**

The Scilly Isles