# COMMISSION DECISION

**of 23 November 1988**

**approving the varietal conversion programme for hops submitted by the Kingdom of Belgium pursuant to Council Regulation (EEC) No 2997/87**

**(Only the French and Dutch versions of this text are authentic)**

(88/606/EEC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 2997/87 of 22 September 1987 laying down, in respect of hops, the amount of aid to producers for the 1986 harvest and providing for special measures for certain regions of production [1], and in particular Article 2 (5) thereof,

Whereas, pursuant to Article 2 (5) of the abovementioned Regulation, on 10 March 1988 the Kingdom of Belgium forwarded to the Commission a varietal conversion programme for hops; whereas, at the request of the Commission, amendments to that programme have been forwarded by the Kingdom of Belgium; whereas further amendments to that programme were decided on 26 July 1988;

Whereas areas in which field operations prior to varietal conversion were underway on the date of adoption of Regulation (EEC) No 2997/87 may be covered by the programme;

Whereas the programme as amended satisfies the objectives of Regulation (EEC) No 2997/87 and contains the information required pursuant to Article 2 of Commission Regulation (EEC) No 3889/87 of 22 December 1987 laying down detailed rules for the application of the special measures for certain regions of hops production [2], as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 619/88 [3];

Whereas the financial contribution to be borne by the national budget complies with the ceiling indicated in Article 2 (2) of Regulation (EEC) No 2997/87; whereas the actual costs referred to in that Article may cover factors for assessing the net loss of income following the implementation of the conversion plan; whereas, however, only factors relating to the net loss of income incurred from the date of adoption of Regulation (EEC) No 2997/87 may enter into the calculation of the actual costs; whereas the financial contribution from the Member State to the varietal conversion programme will have to be adjusted accordingly;

Whereas the measures provided for in this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the Management Committee for Hops,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

*Article 1*

The varietal conversion programme for hops submitted pursuant to Regulation (EEC) No 2997/87 by the Kingdom of Belgium on 10 March 1988, as last amended on 26 July 1988, is hereby approved. The main aspects of the programme are given in the Annex hereto.

*Article 2*

The Kingdom of Belgium shall inform the Commission every six months of progress in the programme.

*Article 3*

This Decision is addressed to the Kingdom of Belgium.

Done at Brussels, 23 November 1988.

*For the Commission*

Frans ANDRIESSEN

*Vice-President*

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[1] OJ No L 284, 7. 10. 1987, p. 19.
[2] OJ No L 365, 24. 12. 1987, p. 41.
[3] OJ No L 60, 5. 3. 1988, p. 33.

*ANNEX*

1. *List of producer groups covered by the programme and 1986 reference areas*

   — Pacohop SV: 98,13 ha,

   — De Poperingse Hopproducenten Vereniging: 288,5 ha,

   — De Aalsterse Hopproducenten Vereniging: 69,05 ha.

   These groups are represented by Febelhop (association of producer groups).

2. *Duration of programme*

   From 1988 to 1990. The last plantations must be carried out before 31 December 1990.

3. *Areas covered by the programme*

   96,66 ha.

4. *Varieties to be planted and areas concerned*

| *Aromatic varieties* | | | *'Super-alpha' varieties* (1) | | |
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| Hallertau: | | 33,54 ha | Yeoman: | | 38,03 ha |
| Hersbrücker spät: | | 6,73 ha | Target: | | 13,00 ha |
| Challenger: | | 5,26 ha | | Total | 51,03 ha |
| Spalt: | | 0,10 ha | | | |
| | Total | 45,63 ha | | | |

(1) Within the meaning of Article 2 of Regulation (EEC) No 2997/87 and Article 1 (3) of Regulation (EEC) No 3889/87.