COMMISSION DECISION

of 21 December 1988

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

(89/17/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 17 March 1988 the United Kingdom forwarded to the Commission a varietal conversion programme for hops; whereas amendments to that programme were forwarded by the United Kingdom on 26 July 1988;

Whereas the programme as amended satisfies the objectives of the Regulation in question and contains the information required under Article 2 of Commission Regulation (EEC) No 3889/87 laying down detailed rules for the application of the special measures for certain regions of hops production [2];

Whereas the special aid for varietal conversion may also be granted for areas under other varieties where the latter are present on areas essentially under bitter varieities covered by a conversion plan;

Whereas the programme submitted by the United Kingdom does not provide for any financial contribution to be borne by the national budget; whereas the actual costs referred to in Article 2 (2) of Regulation (EEC) No 2997/87 may include factors for assessing the net loss of income as a result of 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 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 United Kingdom on 17 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 United Kingdom shall inform the Commission every six months of progress in the programme.

Article 3

This Decision is addressed to the United Kingdom.

Done at Brussels, 21 December 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.

ANNEX

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

— English Hops Ltd 3 050 ha

2. **Duration of programme**

From 22 September 1987 to 30 August 1990.

At all events the last plantations must be carried out before 31 December 1990.

3. **Areas covered by the programme**

655 ha

4. **Varieties to be planted and areas concerned**

Aromatic varieties

Bramling Cross :	8 ha
Challenger :	56 ha
Fuggle :	15 ha
Goldings :	11 ha
Progress :	4 ha
WGV :	5 ha
Total	99 ha

'Super-alpha' varieties (1)

Target :	533 ha
Yeoman :	23 ha
Total	556 ha

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