COMMISSION DECISION

of 24 July 1989

approving the varietal conversion programme for hops submitted by the Kingdom of Spain pursuant to Council Regulation (EEC) No 2997/97

(Only the Spanish text is authentic)

(89/479/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], as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 1809/89 [2], and in particular Article 2 (5) thereof,

Whereas, pursuant to Article 2 (5) of the abovementioned Regulation, on 9 December 1988 the Kingdom of Spain forwarded to the Commission a varietal conversion programme for hops; whereas amendments to that programme were forwarded by the Kingdom of Spain on 31 March 1989; whereas further amendments to that programme were decided on 3 July 1989;

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 of 22 December 1987 laying down detailed rules for the application of the special measures for certain regions of hops production [3], as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 2174/89 [4];

Whereas conversion to specific of the variety H3 may be treated as varietal conversion within the meaning of Regulation (EEC) No 2997/87 on condition that the strain obtained by clonal selection gives rise to production of hops of the super-alpha type, as defined in Article 1 (3) of Regulation (EEC) No 3889/87, which may be used in brewing owing to the confirmed stability and homogeneity characteristics;

Whereas the financial contribution from the national budget foreseen in the programme complies with the ceiling in Article 2 (2) of Regulation (EEC) No 2997/87; whereas the actual costs referred to in that Article may include 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 suffered from the date of adoption of Regulation (EEC) No 2997/87 may be included in the calculation of the actual costs; whereas the financial contribution from the Member State to the varietal conversion programme must be determined 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 pursuant to Regulation (EEC) No 2997/87 by the Kingdom of Spain and 9 December 1988, as last amended on 3. July 1989, is hereby approved.

The main aspects of that programme are given in the Annex hereto.

Article 2

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

Article 3

This Decision is addressed to the Kingdom of Spain.

Done at Brussels, 24 July 1989.

For the Commission

Ray MAC SHARRY

Member of the Commission

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[1] OJ No L 284, 7. 10. 1987, p. 19.
[2] OJ No L 177, 24. 6. 1989, p. 6.
[3] OJ No L 365, 24. 12. 1987, p. 41.
[4] OJ No L 208, 20. 7. 1989, p. 16.

ANNEX

1. *List of producer groups covered by the programme:*

   — Grupo de cultivadores de liupulo de Garrizo de la Ribera, Asociacion de Productores Agrarios, APA n° 1,

   — Agrupacion Comercial de Campesinos Leoneses 'ACCAL' de Astorga, Asociacion de Productores Agrarios, APA n° 2.

2. *Duration of programme*

   From 1988 to 1992. The last plantings must be carried out before 31 December 1992.

3. *Areas covered by the programme*

   107 hectares

4. *Varieties to be planted and areas concerned*

   Aromatic varieties

Spalt Hersbrucker Fino Alsacia Hallertau	maximum of 5 % of areas converted (at most 5,4 hectares)

   Super-alpha varieties (1)

Specific clones of the variety H3	minimum of 95 % of areas converted (at least 101,6 hectares)

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