COMMISSION DECISION

of 20 April 1993

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

(Only the French and Dutch texts are authentic)

(93/251/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 3338/92 [2], and in particular Article 2 (5) thereof,

Having regard to 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 718/93 [4], and in particular Article 3 thereof,

Whereas the Kingdom of Belgium transmitted to the Commission on 10 March 1988 a varietal conversion programme for the hops sector in accordance with Article 2 (5) of Regulation (EEC) No 2997/87; whereas this programme, as amended on 26 July 1988, was approved in Commission Decision 88/606/EEC [5]; whereas this programme after being amended three times by Decisions 89/480/EEC [6], 91/94/EEC [7] and 92/149/EEC [8] respectively, was closed on 31 December 1992;

Whereas on 29 December 1992 the Kingdom of Belgium transmitted to the Commission an additional varietal conversion programme which differs from the previous programme in that it includes a new, recently recognized, producer group, the inclusion of new areas and a maore market orientation towards super-alpha varieties which are better suited to market requirements, pursuant to Article 1 (2) of Regulation (EEC) No 3889/87;

Whereas this additional programme is in line with the objectives pursued by that Regulation and contains the information required under Article 2 of Regulation (EEC) No 3889/87;

Whereas the special aid for varietal conversion may also be granted for areas under other varieties where these are present on land essentially given over to bitter varieties under a conversion plan;

Whereas the financial contribution charged to the national budget complies with the ceiling specified in Article 2 (2) of Regulation (EEC) No 2997/87; 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 resulting from 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 introduced into the calculation of the actual costs; whereas, as a result, the financial contribution by the Member State to the varietal conversion programme will have to be adjusted;

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 the hop sector submitted under Regulation (EEC) No 2997/87 by the Kingdom of Belgium on 29 December 1992 is hereby approved. The main features of that programme are set out in the Annex.

Article 2

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

[1] OJ No L 284, 7. 10. 1987, p. 19.
[2] OJ No L 336, 20. 11. 1992, p. 3.
[3] OJ No L 365, 24. 12. 1987, p. 41.
[4] OJ No L 74, 27. 3. 1993, p. 46.
[5] OJ No L 334, 6. 12. 1988, p. 26.
[6] OJ No L 234, 11. 8. 1989, p. 52.
[7] OJ No L 50, 23. 2. 1991, p. 28.
[8] OJ No L 61, 6. 3. 1992, p. 31.

Article 3

This Decision is addressed to the Kingdom of Belgium.

Done at Brussels, 20 April 1993.

For the Commission
René STEICHEN
Member of the Commission

ANNEX

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

— Pacohop SV,
— De Poperingse Hopproducenten Vereniging,
— De Nieuwe Hoptelersbelangengroep (NHBG).

The first two groups are represented by Febelhop (Association of producer groups).

2. *Duration of the programme*

From 1993 to 1994. The last plantings must be made before 31 December 1994.

3. *Area covered by the programme*

— Pacohop SV:		13,6165 ha
— De Poperingse Hopproducenten Vereniging:		80,7302 ha
— De Nieuwe Hoptelersbelangengroep:		31,6115 ha
	Total:	124,6582 ha

4. *Varieties to be converted to and the areas involved*

Aromatic varieties

Hallertauer:		3,7438 ha
Hersbrucker Spät:		0,7337 ha
	Total:	4,4775 ha

'Super-alpha' varieties (1)

Yeoman:		1,8622 ha
Target:		101,6580 ha
Nugget:		4,8470 ha
Magnum:		11,8135 ha
	Total:	120,1807 ha

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