COMMISSION DECISION

of 2 February 1995

approving an amendment of the varietal conversion programme for hops submitted by the Federal Republic of Germany under Council Regulation (EEC) No 2997/87

(Only the German text is authentic)

(95/18/EC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

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

Whereas the Federal Republic of Germany transmitted to the Commission on 28 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 3 July 1989, was approved in Commission Decision 89/482/EEC [5];

Whereas the Federal Republic of Germany transmitted to the Commission on 22 December 1989 amendments of this programme which were approved — following further amendments adopted on 4 May 1990 — in Decision 90/341/EEC [6];

Whereas the Federal Republic of Germany sent the Commission on 8 January 1993 and on 20 October 1993 amendments to the programme which were approved by Decision 93/220/EEC [7] and Decision 93/675/EEC [8] respectively;

Whereas the Federal Republic of Germany sent the Commission on 2 November 1994 further amendments to this programme;

Whereas the proposed amendments concern exclusively the introduction of minor changes in the range of varieties to be converted to in the Elbe-Saale area;

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

Whereas the programme submitted by the Federal Republic of Germany does not provide for any financial contribution from the national budget;

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 amendment of the varietal conversion programme for the hops sector submitted under Regulation (EEC) No 2997/87 by the Federal Republic of Germany on 2 November 1994 is hereby approved. The main features of that programme as amended are set out in the Annex.

Article 2

The Federal Republic of Germany shall inform the Commission of the progress of the programme every six months.

Article 3

This Decision is addressed to the Federal Republic of Germany.

Done at Brussels, 2 February 1995.

For the Commission

Franz FISCHLER

Member of the Commission

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[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 235, 12. 8. 1989, p. 33.
[6] OJ No L 162, 28. 6. 1990, p. 46.
[7] OJ No L 94, 20. 4. 1993, p. 33.
[8] OJ No L 316, 17. 12. 1993, p. 38.

ANNEX

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

— Hopfenverwertungsgenossenschaft Spalt e.G.

— Hopfenverwertungsgenossenschaft Hallertau e.G.

— Hopfenverwertungsgenossenschaft Jura e.G.

— Hopfenverwertungsgenossenschaft Elbe-Saale e.G.

2. **Duration of the programme**

From 1 April 1988 to 31 December 1994.

In all cases, the last plantations must be made before 31 December 1994.

3. **Area covered by the programme**

HVG Spalt e.G.	10,8 ha (1)
HVG Hallertau e.G.	762,0 ha (2)
HVG Jura e.G.	27,2 ha (2)
HVG Elbe-Saale e.G.	200,0 ha (3)
Total	1 000,0 ha

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

(in ha)

Aromatic varieties		'Super-alpha' varieties (*)	
Hallertauer	0,5	Nugget	155,7
Spalter	2,0	Target	39,4
Hersbrucker spät	176,0	Hallertauer Magnum	372,2
Hallertauer tradition	88,5	Galena	0,6
Spalter Select	142,4		
Perle	22,2		
Total	432,1	Total	567,9

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

(1) Already completed in March 1991.
(2) Terminating end 1993.
(3) Terminating end 1994.