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COMMISSION

COMMISSION DECISION

of 4 February 1997

recognizing that the production of certain wines in specified regions and of certain *vinho regional* in Portugal, by reason of their qualitative characteristics, is far from able to satisfy demand

(Only the Portuguese text is authentic)

(97/151/EC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 822/87 of 16 March 1987 on the common organization of the market in wine [1], as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1592/96 [2], and in particular Article 6 (4) thereof,

Whereas, in accordance with Article 6 (1) of Regulation (EEC) No 822/87, all new planting of vines is prohibited until 31 August 1998; whereas, however, there is provision for Member States to grant authorization for new vine planting for the 1996/97 and 1997/98 wine years for areas intended for the production of:

— quality wines produced in specified regions (quality wines psr),
and
— table wines designated as one of the following: *Landwein, vin de pays, indicazione geografica tipica, vino de la tierra, vinho regional,* regional wine, etc.,

for which the Commission has recognized that production, by reason of its qualitative characteristics, is far from able to satisfy demand;

Whereas requests for the application of that provision as regards certain quality wines psr and *vinho regional* were submitted by Portugal on 29 November 1996, 6 January 1997 and 10 January 1997;

Whereas examination of those requests has revealed that the quality wines psr and *vinho regional* in question meet the requisite conditions; whereas the limit of 719 ha laid down in the Regulation has not been exceeded;

Whereas the measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Management Committee for Wine,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The quality wines psr and *vinho regional* listed in the Annex meet the requirements of the second subparagraph of Article 6 (1) of Regulation (EEC) No 822/87, provided that the increase in surface area listed in that Annex is complied with for all quality wines psr and *vinho regional* of the same region.

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to the Portuguese Republic.

Done at Brussels, 4 February 1997.

For the Commission
Franz FISCHLER
Member of the Commission

[1] OJ No L 84, 27. 3. 1987, p. 1.
[2] OJ No L 206, 16. 8. 1996, p. 31.

ANNEX

(hectares)

'Denominação de origem'/'Vinho regional'	New plantings
Colares and Carcavelos	9
Vinhos Verdes	20
Encostas da Nave, Varosa	20
Bairrada, Dão, Encostas de Aire	30
Castelo Rodrigo, Pinhel	6
Alenquer, Almeirim, Cartaxo, Chamusca, Coruche, Óbidos, Palmela, Santarém	180
Borba, Évora, Granja-Amareleja, Moura, Portalegre, Redondo, Reguengos, Vidigueira	248
Lagoa, Portimão	26
Vinho de mesa regional	Total 180
— Trás-os-Montes	29
— Beiras	8
— Ribatejo, Estremadura, Terras do Sado	58
— Alentejo	85
Total	719

NB: The Douro region is not affected by this measure.