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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 536/97 [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 in certain regions were submitted by Austria on 6 December 1996, and 22 January and 10 March 1997;

Whereas examination of those requests has revealed that the quality wines psr in question meet the requisite conditions; whereas the limit of 139 ha laid down in the Regulation has not been exceeded;

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

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The quality wines psr 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 given in that Annex is complied with for all quality wines psr in the same region.

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to the Republic of Austria.

[1] OJ No L 84, 27. 3. 1987, p. 1.
[2] OJ No L 83, 25. 3. 1997, p. 5.

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ANNEX

Land	Specified region	New planting (ha)
Burgenland	Südburgenland	48,0000
Steiermark	Südsteiermark	5,0000
	Weststeiermark	1,0000
	Südoststeiermark	3,0000
Niederösterreich	Wachau	2,6197
	Kremstal	4,3794
	Kamptal	2,1428
	Donauland	9,9024
	Traisental	4,0301
	Carnuntum	10,2134
	Weinviertel	46,7318
	Thermenregion	1,9784
	Total Austria	139,0000