COMMISSION

COMMISSION DECISION

of 29 September 1997

amending Decision 97/85/EC recognizing that the production of certain quality wines produced in specified regions in Spain, by reason of their qualitative characteristics, is far from able to satisfy demand

(Only the Spanish text is authentic)

(97/665/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 1417/97 [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 their qualitative characteristics, is far from able to satisfy demand;

Whereas requests for the application of that provision for certain quality wines psr were submitted by the Spanish Government on 3 December 1996; whereas Commission Decision 97/85/EC [3] was adopted in response to that request;

Whereas a further request was made on 26 June 1997 for 245 ha; whereas that request exhausts the authorized area available for new planting;

Whereas examination of the requests has shown that the quality wines psr in question meet the necessary conditions; whereas the limit of 3 615 ha laid down in Regulation (EEC) No 822/87 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 Annex to Decision 97/85/EC is hereby replaced by the Annex to this Decision.

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to the Kingdom of Spain.

Done at Brussels, 29 September 1997.

For the Commission

Franz FISCHLER

Member of the Commission

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[1] OJ L 84, 27. 3. 1987, p. 1.
[2] OJ L 196, 24. 7. 1997, p. 10.
[3] OJ L 27, 30. 1. 1997, p. 35.

ANNEX

Autonomous community	Designation of origin	New planting (ha)
ANDALUCÍA	Málaga	30
ARAGÓN	Somontano	30
CANARIAS	Tacoronte-Acentejo, Lanzarote, La Palma, Ycoden-Daute-Isora, El Hierro, Valle Orotava, Abona, Güimar	Total Canarias 90
CASTILLA-LA MANCHA	Méntrida Almansa	120 40 Total Castilla-La Mancha 160
CASTILLA Y LEÓN	Bierzo, Cigales, Ribera del Duero, Rueda, Toro	Total Castilla y León 535
CATALUÑA	Alella, Bages, Penedès, Priorato, Tarragona, Terra Alta Conca de Barberà, Costers del Segre Empordà-Costa Brava	500 91 14 Total Cataluña 605
GALICIA	Rias Baixas, Ribeiro, Valdeorras, Ribeira Sacra, Monterrei	Total Galicia 240
LA RIOJA	Rioja	1 060
NAVARRA	Rioja	140
PAÍS VASCO	Rioja Chacolí	325 5 Total País Vasco 330
VALENCIA	Utiel-Requena	150
BALEARES	Benisalem	30
VALENCIA	Valencia	90
MURCIA	Jumilla	75
CASTILLA-LA MANCHA	Jumilla	50
	Total Spain	3 615