REGULATION (EEC) No 423/74 OF THE COMMISSION

of 20 February 1974

on transitional measures for the granting of aid to hops producers changing to different varieties and for reorganizing hopgardens in the United Kingdom

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty [1] concerning the Accession of new Member States to the European Economic Community and the European Atomic Energy Community, signed at Brussels on 22 January 1972, and in particular Article 63 (1) of the Act [2] annexed thereto ;

Whereas Article 9 of Council Regulation (EEC) No 1696/71 [3] of 26 July 1971 on the common organization of the market in hops, allows Member States to grant aid to producer groups for the purpose of changing to different varieties of hops and for reorganizing hopgardens ;

Whereas Article 7 of Council Regulation (EEC) No 879/73 [4] of 26 March 1973 on the granting and reimbursement of aid accorded by the Member States to recognized hops producer groups, provides that this aid can only be granted to groups recognized pursuant to Article 7 of the abovementioned Regulation ; whereas Commission Regulation (EEC) No 1351/72 [5] of 28 June 1972 lays down provisions on the recognition of producer groups of hops ;

Whereas difficulties have arisen with regard to the payment of these aids in the United Kingdom because in that Member State it was not yet possible to establish producer groups, which fulfil the detailed criteria for such groups contained in the abovementioned Regulation ; whereas the hops growers concerned should not be placed at a disadvantage because of this fact ; whereas it is therefore necessary to entitle the United Kingdom to grant the aids in question directly to the producers for a transitional period not exceeding the limits provided for in Article 63 (1) of the Act concerning the Conditions of Accession and the Adjustments to the Treaties and extended to 31 January 1975 [6] by Council Regulation (EEC) No 177/74 of 21 January 1974 ;

Whereas it is appropriate to fix the details for reimbursement of aid according to Commission Regulation (EEC) No 1460/73 [7] of 16 May 1973 on application for reimbursement of aid granted by Member States to recognized groups of hop producers ;

Whereas the measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the Opinion of the Management Committee for Hops,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION :

Article 1

In derogation from Article 9 of Council Regulation (EEC) No 1696/71 the United Kingdom shall be entitled to grant aid provided in this Article directly to producers of hops.

Article 2

Article 8 (1) first sentence and Article 13 of Regulation (EEC) No 879/73 shall not apply and Article 11 (1) shall only apply so far as the measures provided in this provision must not have been begun before 1 February 1973.

Article 3

Council Regulation (EEC) No 1460/73 shall apply *mutatis mutandis* in as far as the aid provided in Article 9 of Council Regulation (EEC) No 1696/71 is concerned.

Article 4

The transitional measures provided for in this Regulation shall expire on 31 January 1975.

Article 5

This Regulation shall enter into force on the third day after its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Communities*.

(1) OJ No L 73, 27. 3. 1972, p. 5.
(2) OJ No L 73, 27. 3. 1972, p. 14.
(3) OJ No L 175, 4. 8. 1971, p. 1.
(4) OJ No L 86, 31. 3. 1973, p. 26.
(5) OJ No L 148, 30. 6. 1972, p. 13.
(6) OJ No L 21, 25. 1. 1974, p. 1.
(7) OJ No L 145, 2. 6. 1973, p. 1.

This Regulation shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in all Member States.

Done at Brussels, 20 February 1974.

For the Commission

The President

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