COUNCIL REGULATION (EEC) No 1363/77

of 20 June 1977

laying down, in respect of hops, the amount of the aid to producers for the 1976 harvest

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community, and in particular Article 43 thereof,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 1696/71 of 26 July 1971 on the common organization of the market in hops [1], as amended by the Act of Accession [2], and in particular Article 12 (4) and (5) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Having regard to the opinion of the European Parliament [3],

Whereas Article 12 of Regulation (EEC) No 1696/71 provides for the possibility of granting aid to hop producers to enable them to achieve a fair income; whereas the amount of this aid is fixed per hectare and differs according to variety, taking into account the average return in comparison with the average returns for previous harvests, the current position of the market and price trends;

Whereas the study of the results of the 1976 harvest gives rise to the fixing of aid for certain varieties of hops cultivated in the Community;

Whereas the market situation is still characterized by poor price levels due to the persistence of structural surpluses; whereas this situation must therefore be remedied by a limitation of the aid granted for a given area planted; whereas, for each variety, the areas which were registered in 1976 and already cultivated in 1975 are representative of the average for the past three years; whereas, for each variety, the aid granted should therefore be limited to an amount corresponding to these areas; whereas, moreover, implementation by the national authorities can be simplified and accelerated by such a measure,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

1. For the 1976 harvest, aid shall be granted to the producers of hops cultivated in the Community for the varieties set out in the Annex.

2. The amount of the aid shall be that set out in the Annex.

3. The aid granted for each variety shall be limited to an amount corresponding to the areas under that variety in 1975.

Article 2

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

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

Done at Luxembourg, 20 June 1977.

For the Council

The President

J. SILKIN

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[1] OJ No L 175, 4. 8. 1971, p. 1.
[2] OJ No L 73, 27. 3. 1972, p. 14.
[3] Opinion delivered on 17 June 1977 (not yet published in the Official Journal).

ANNEX

Amounts of the aid granted to hop producers for the 1976 harvest

Varieties	*Amount in u.a./hectare*
Hallertauer	400
Northern Brewer	300
Brewers Gold	200
Record	550
Hersbrucker Spät	300
Hüller Bitterer	300
Spalter	300
Tettnanger	300
Bramling Cross	400
Progress	300
Target	200
Keyworth's Midseason	200
Fuggles	550
W.G.V.	300
Tutsham	550
Saaz	550
Strisselspalt	550
Star	550
Saxon	550
Tardif de Bourgogne	550