COUNCIL REGULATION (EEC) No 853/78

of 24 April 1978

laying down, in respect of hops, the amount of the aid to producers for the 1977 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 last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 1170/77 (2), and in particular Article 12 (6) and (7) 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 groups of varieties, taking into account the average return on the areas in full production 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 1977 harvest gives rise to the fixing of aid for certain groups of 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 applying Article 12 (6) (b) of Regulation (EEC) No 1696/71 which allows the areas under hops which are in their first year of production to be declared ineligible for aid,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

1. For the 1977 harvest, aid shall be granted to the producers of hops cultivated in the Community for the groups of 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 group of varieties shall be limited to areas registered in 1977 and upon which one or several varieties of one of the groups in question was cultivated in 1976.

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, 24 April 1978.

For the Council

The President

P. DALSAGER

(1) OJ No L 175, 4. 8. 1971, p. 1.
(2) OJ No L 137, 3. 6. 1977, p. 7.
(3) Opinion delivered on 14. 4. 1978 (not yet published in the Official Journal).

ANNEX

Amounts of the aid granted to hop producers for the 1977 harvest

Groups of varieties	*Aid u.a./hectare*
Aromatic	375
Bitter	285
Others	500