COMMISSION REGULATION (EEC) No 559/88

of 29 February 1988

amending Regulation (EEC) No 2083/80 laying down detailed rules of application concerning the economic activity of producer groups and associations thereof

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 1360/78 of 19 July 1978 on producer groups and associations thereof (1), as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 1760/87 (2), and in particular the third indent of Article 6 (3) thereof,

Whereas Commission Regulation (EEC) No 2083/80 (3), as amended by Regulation (EEC) No 1616/82 (4), lays down detailed rules of application concerning the economic activity of producer groups and associations thereof; whereas the requirements of that Regulation must be supplemented following extension of the applicability of Regulation (EEC) No 1360/70 to Spain;

Whereas in certain parts of Spain farms are, typically, small, fragmented and unspecialized; whereas relatively low minima should therefore be set for the dimensions of producer group operations; whereas turnover is a suitable criterion for judging the efficacy of associations of producer groups in certain sectors where, in view of the difficulties of exhaustive determination of specific minimum crop areas, a single basis of reference should be used; whereas in order to guarantee that associations are of adequate economic size a minimum number of member groups should be set;

Whereas the measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Standing Committee on Agricultural Structure,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Regulation (EEC) No 2083/80 is hereby amended as follows.

1. Article 2 (2) is replaced by the following:

'2. The minimum volume of production specified in Article 1 and in paragraph 1 of this Article shall be reduced by

— 30 %, in the case of producer groups made up mainly of farmers with farms located in the Mezzogiorno, on the Greek islands or in the areas specified in Article 3 (3) of Council Directive 75/268/EEC of 28 April 1975 on mountain and hill farming and farming in certain less-favoured areas (1),

— 50 %, in the case of producer groups composed principally of farmers with farms on the Balearic or Canary Islands.

(1) OJ No L 128, 19. 5. 1975, p. 1.'

2. The following paragraph is added to Article 3.

'In the case of Spain, by way of derogation from the other provisions of this Article, associations must account for a minimum crop area, turnover and share of national production as indicated in Section III of the Annex. In the case of both the products listed in the Annex and other products they must consist of at least five recognized groups and cover the territory of at least one *Comunidad Autónoma.*'

3. The table annexed to this Regulation is added to the Annex.

Article 2

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

(1) OJ No L 166, 23. 6. 1978, p. 1.
(2) OJ No L 167, 26. 6. 1987, p. 1.
(3) OJ No L 203, 5. 8. 1980, p. 5.
(4) OJ No L 180, 24. 6. 1982, p. 21.

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

Done at Brussels, 29 February 1988.

For the Commission
Frans ANDRIESSEN
Vice-President

ANNEX

'III. Producer groups and unions thereof in Spain

CN code	Product	Producer groups		Unions		
		Volume of production or turnover	Minimum number of members	Minimum area or equivalent	Turnover (million ECU)	Share of national production volume (%)
0102 0201 0202	Cattle (1) (8) (live or slaughtered)	1 000 LSU 2 000 calves	50 50	60 000 LSU 30 000 calves	65,0 8,5	5,0
0103 0203	Pigs (1) (8) and pigmeat	20 000 pigs 10 000 Iberian pigs 15 000 piglets	75 35 75	700 000 pigs 100 000 Iberian pigs 180 000 piglets	60,0 8,0 5,0	5,0
0104 0204	Sheep and goats (1) (live or slaughtered)	15 000 sheep 10 000 goats	50 25	250 000 sheep 100 000 goats	15,0 3,0	2,5 10,0
0105 0106 00 10 0207 0208 10 10	Table fowls, other poultry and domestic rabbits (live or slaughtered (2)	250 000 head	50 (for fowls and other poultry) 35 (for rabbits)	12 000 000 head (for fowls and other poultry) 3 500 000 head (for rabbits)	15,0 5,0	2,5 5,0
0407 00	Eggs (2)	60 000 laying hens	50	1 000 000 laying hens	15,0	2,5
0401 0406	Milk, cheese and curds (a) Cow (3) (b) Ewe (c) Goat (3)	4 000 tonnes 1 000 tonnes 1 000 tonnes	50 25 25	100 000 tonnes 20 000 tonnes 10 000 tonnes	25,0 10,0 3,0	2,5 10,0 2,5
0409 00 00	Natural honey (4)	300 000 ECU	50		2,5	10,0
Chapter 6	Live trees and other plants, bulbs, roots and the like, cut flowers and ornamental foliage (4)	1 500 000 ECU	25		8,0	5,0
0701	Potatoes (5) (a) Ware (b) New	10 000 tonnes 5 000 tonnes	50 25	8 700 ha 4 300 ha	21,0 15,0	2,5 5,0
0709 90 31 0710 80 10 0711 20 10	Table olives	2 000 tonnes	50	15 000 ha	6,0	10,0
0713 1209 29	Grain legumes	1 500 tonnes	50	25 300 ha	10,0	5,0
0803 00 0804 30 00 0804 40	Tropical fruit	50 ha	25	2 500 ha (bananas) 200 ha (other)	19,0 5,0	20,0 5,0
0804 20 90	Dried figs	1 000 tonnes	50	5 000 ha	2,0	15,0
0806 20	Dried grapes	1 500 tonnes	25	1 000 ha	1,5	10,0
	Cereals (6) (7)	20 000 tonnes	200	160 000 ha	60,0	2,0
1001	Wheat					
1002 00 00	Rye					
1003 00	Barley					
1004 00	Oats					
1005	Maize					
1007 00	Sorghum					

CN code	Product	Producer groups		Unions		
		Volume of production or turnover	Minimum number of members	Minimum area or equivalent	Turnover (million ECU)	Share of national production volume (%)
1006	Rice	10 000 tonnes	100	1 500 ha	25,0	20,0
1201 to 1207	Oilseeds (4)	1 500 000 ECU	200	23 000 ha	10,0	2,5
1211	Plants used primarily in perfumery, pharmacy, etc. (4)	500 000 ECU			2,5	5,0
1212 10	Carobs	2 000 tonnes	50	1 300 ha	3,5	10,0
1509	Olive oil	2 000 tonnes (of oil)	100	58 800 ha	30,0	5,0
ex 2204	Wine grapes :					
	(a) For table wine	150 000 hl (of wine)	200	56 800 ha	60,0	5,0
	(b) For quality wines psr	25 000 hl	100	10 000 ha	15,0	2,5
2401	Tobacco	500 tonnes	75	2 100 ha	7,0	10,0

(7) The cereals group covers wheat, rye, barley, oats, maize and sorghum ; for the purposes of the termination of the volume of production these may be considered either individually or in combination.

(8) If the group covers more than one type of animal within a species the minimum to be required shall be that for the most abundant type.'