COUNCIL REGULATION (EEC) No 1835/89

of 19 June 1989

setting general rules on the production aid for high-quality flint maize

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 2727/75 of 29 October 1975 on the common organization of the market in cereals (1), as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 1834/89 (2), and in particular Article 10a (5) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Whereas Article 10a of Regulation (EEC) No 2727/75 states that aid is to be granted for the production in certain areas of the Community of certain varieties of high-quality flint maize; whereas under these provisions the quality standards for selection of these varieties should be determined;

Whereas the specific utilization of the product requires 15 % moisture content to be obtained by pre-reaping drying; whereas such natural drying can be effected only in areas with suitable weather conditions; whereas the aid scheme should therefore be restricted to areas meeting this criterion;

Whereas, if the aid scheme is to operate satisfactorily, Member States must ensure that the terms on which aid is granted are respected; whereas to this end arrangements should be made for areas sown to be declared and for the exercise of supervision by the Member States,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The aid provided for in Article 10a of Regulation (EEC) No 2727/75 shall be granted by Member States for the production of high-quality flint maize. The requirements set out below must be met.

Article 2

The area sown must be tended in the normal way and, following ripening, the crop must be left standing in the field for a period long enough to allow natural drying to a moisture content not exceeding 15 %.

Article 3

1. For the purposes of this Regulation 'high-quality flint maize' shall be defined as the maize varieties entered in a national seed catalogue that display the following characteristics:

— kernel type: horny,

— kernel tip colour: orange, orange-red, red or dark red,

— flotation test: a maximum of 15 % by weight of the sample floats.

2. The list of varieties meeting the definition of high-quality flint maize set out in paragraph 1 and the suitable areas for the production shall be adopted using the procedure set out in Article 26 of Regulation (EEC) No 2727/75.

Article 4

1. Member States shall introduce the administrative arrangements, including physical inspection, necessary to ensure that the qualifying requirements for the aid are met. These arrangements shall include:

(a) an obligation to declare areas sown and the certified seed varieties used. The declaration shall count as an application for aid provided that it is accompanied by the crop contract;

(b) systematic field checks on the accurarcy of declarations, referred to in point (a);

(c) any other procedures determined, where appropriate, using the procedure set out in Article 26 of Regulation (EEC) No 2727/75.

Article 5

The aid to be paid shall be calculated on the basis of the area cultivated.

Article 6

Member States shall notify the Commission of the action taken pursuant to this Regulation and the areas in respect of which aid has been given.

Article 7

This Regulation shall enter into force on the day of its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Communities*.
It shall apply from 1 September 1989.

(1) OJ No L 281, 1. 11. 1975, p. 1.
(2) See page 1 of this Official Journal.

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

Done at Luxembourg, 19 June 1989.

For the Council

The President

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