COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 1350/96

of 11 July 1996

amending Regulation (EEC) No 3478/92 laying down detailed rules for the application of the premium system for raw tobacco

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 2075/92 of 30 June 1992 on the common organization of the market in raw tobacco [1], as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 415/96 [2], and in particular Article 7 thereof,

Whereas, in accordance with Article 5 (a) of Regulation (EEC) No 2075/92, premiums are granted solely on leaf tobacco from specified production areas;

Whereas, pursuant to Article 1 (2) of Commission Regulation (EEC) No 3478/92 [3], as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 259/96 [4], such production areas are to be reviewed each year and adapted, where necessary, to quantitative and qualitative developments on the market;

Whereas such production areas are recognized on the basis of traditional tobacco-producing areas; whereas the Member States concerned may, with a view to sound management of production of a particular group of varieties and within their guarantee thresholds, apply for such traditional production areas to be included on the list of recognized production areas;

Whereas, following an application from Germany and in view of the fact that the three areas concerned are traditional production areas, Annex I to Regulation (EEC) No 3478/92 listing the recognized production areas should be amended;

Whereas, in the wake of Austria's accession, the production areas and the moisture content for dark air-cured tobacco produced in Austria should be determined; whereas Annexes I and III to Regulation (EEC) No 3478/92 should therefore be amended;

Whereas the measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Management Committee for Tobacco,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Regulation (EEC) No 3478/92 is hereby amended as follows:

1. Part III (Dark air-cured) of Annex I is replaced by the Annex hereto.

2. Point III of Annex III is replaced by the following:

'III. Dark air-cured

Belgium, Germany, France, Austria	26
other Member States	22'.

Article 2

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

It shall apply from the 1996 harvest.

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

Done at Brussels, 11 July 1996.

For the Commission

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Member of the Commission

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[1] OJ No L 215, 30. 7. 1992, p. 70.
[2] OJ No L 59, 8. 3. 1996, p. 3.
[3] OJ No L 351, 2. 12. 1992, p. 17.
[4] OJ No L 34, 13. 2. 1996, p. 14.

ANNEX

'ANNEX I

RECOGNIZED PRODUCTION AREAS

Group of varieties in accordance with the Annex to Regulation (EEC) No 2075/92	Member State	Production areas
III. Dark air-cured	Belgium	Flanders, Hainaut, Namur, Luxembourg
	Germany	Rhine valley and adjacent valleys, Mittelfranken, Brandenburg, Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania, Saxony, Saxony-Anhalt, Thuringia
	France	Aquitaine, Midi-Pyrénées, Languedoc-Roussillon, Auvergne-Limousin, Poitou-Charentes, Brittany, Loire Region, Centre, Rhône-Alpes, Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur, Franche-Comté, Alsace-Lorraine, Champagne-Ardenne, Picardy, Nord-Pas-de-Calais, Normandy, Burgundy, Réunion
	Italy	Friuli, Trentino, Veneto, Tuscany, Lazio, Molise, Campania, Apulia, Sicily
	Spain	Extremadura, Andalusia, Castile-Leon, Castile-La Mancha, Valencia (Comunidad autónoma), Navarre, Rioja, Catalonia, Madrid, Galicia, Asturias, Cantabria, Compezo (Basque Country), Las Palmas (Canary Islands)
	Austria	Burgenland, Lower Austria, Upper Austria, Styria'