# COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 467/96

## of 14 March 1996

## exempting certain regions of Spain from the special set-aside obligation for the 1996/97 marketing year

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 1765/92 of 30 June 1992 establishing a support system for producers of certain arable crops [1], as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 2989/95 [2], and in particular Article 2 thereof,

Whereas in the event of exceptional weather conditions the effect of which is to reduce arable crop yields to a level much lower than normal and to cause the base area of the region in question to be exceeded, producers in that region may be exempted from the special set-aside obligation without compensation;

Whereas the drought from which Spain has been suffering for many months has provoked such a reduction in yields in certain regions; whereas that drought constitutes a situation justifying total exemption from the special set-aside in those regions in Spain where the base area has been exceeded;

Whereas the measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Joint Committee for Cereals, Oils and Fats and Dried Fodder,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

*Article 1*

Producers of arable crops in the 'Secano' regions of the autonomous regions of Aragon, Castille-Leon and the Basque Country and in the 'Regadio' regions throughout Spain shall be exempted from the special set aside referred to in the second indent of Article 2 (6) of Regulation (EEC) No 1765/92 to be carried out in the 1996/97 marketing year.

*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 with effect from 15 January 1996.

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

Done at Brussels, 14 March 1996.

*For the Commission*

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[1] OJ No L 181, 1. 7. 1992, p. 12.
[2] OJ No L 312, 23. 12. 1995, p. 5.