COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 1039/97

of 9 June 1997

deferring the final date for sowing certain arable crops in certain regions in the 1997/98 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 922/97 [2], and in particular Article 12 thereof,

Whereas Article 10 (2) of Regulation (EEC) No 1765/92 stipulates that, to qualify for the compensatory payments for cereals, protein crops and linseed under the support system for certain arable crops, producers must have sown the seed at the latest by 15 May preceding the relevant harvest;

Whereas Article 9 of Commission Regulation (EC) No 658/96 of 9 April 1996 on certain conditions for granting compensatory payments under the support system for producers of certain arable crops [3], as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 843/97 [4], fixes 15 May as the final date for oilseeds;

Whereas, because of the particular weather conditions this year, the final dates for sowing seeds fixed for Germany, Austria, Spain, Portugal, France, Finland, Italy, the United Kingdom and Sweden cannot be complied with in all cases; whereas, in consequence, the time limit for sowing cereals and/or oilseeds, and/or protein crops and/or linseed for the 1997/98 marketing year should, where necessary, be deferred for certain specific regions; whereas to do so Regulations (EEC) No 1765/92 and (EC) No 658/96 should be waived as permitted by the seventh indent of Article 12 of Regulation (EEC) No 1765/92;

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

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The final dates for crop sowings in Germany, Austria, Spain, Portugal, France, Finland, Italy, the United Kingdom and Sweden for the 1997/98 marketing year are fixed in the Annex hereto for the crops and regions indicated therein.

Article 2

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

It shall apply from 15 May 1997.

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

Done at Brussels, 9 June 1997.

For the Commission

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Member of the Commission

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[1] OJ No L 181, 1. 7. 1992, p. 12.
[2] OJ No L 133, 24. 5. 1997, p. 1.
[3] OJ No L 91, 12. 4. 1996, p. 46.
[4] OJ No L 121, 13. 5. 1997, p. 5.

ANNEX

Final date for sowing crops for the 1997/98 marketing year

Crops	Member State	Region	Final date
Maize, sunflower, sorghum, soya	France	The entire country	31 May 97
Cereals, oilseeds, protein crops and linseed	Finland	The entire country	15 June 97
Cereals, oilseeds, protein crops and linseed	Sweden	Västmanland Stockholm Uppsala Södermanland Östergötland Gotland Älvsborg Örebro Halland Göteborg och Bohus	15 June 97
Maize, soya	Austria	The entire country	31 May 97
Linseed	United Kingdom	England	31 May 97
Maize	Germany	The entire country	31 May 97
Sunflower	Spain	The entire country	31 May 97
Cereals	United Kingdom	Orkney Islands	31 May 97
Maize, sorghum, soya	Italy	Piemonte	15 June 97
Maize, sorghum, sunflower	Portugal	The entire country	31 May 97