COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 572/97

of 26 March 1997

amending Regulations (EEC) No 3478/92 and (EC) No 1066/95 in the tobacco sector as regards certain deadlines

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 2444/96 (2), and in particular Articles 7 and 11 thereof,

Whereas one Member State is having unexpected administrative difficulties which prevent it from meeting the deadlines laid down by Commission Regulation (EEC) No 3478/92 of 1 December 1992 laying down detailed rules for the application of the premium system for raw tobacco (3), as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1350/96 (4), and by Commission Regulation (EC) No 1066/95 of 12 May 1995 laying down detailed rules for the application of Council Regulation No 2075/92 as regards the raw tobacco quota system for the 1995, 1996 and 1997 harvests (5), as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1286/96 (6); whereas derogation should therefore be made from those deadlines for the 1997 harvest;

Whereas the measures concerned should be applied as soon as possible;

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

Article 3 of Regulation (EEC) No 3478/92 is amended as follows:

1. The second subparagraph of paragraph 1 is replaced by the following:

'For the 1997 harvest, Greece may allow contracts concluded on 31 May at the latest and, in the case of contracts concluded as a result of the allocation of additional quantities pursuant to Article 11 (3) of Commission Regulation (EC) No 1066/95 (*), before 15 July, to benefit from the premium.

(*) OJ No L 108, 13. 5. 1995, p. 5.'

2. The second subparagraph of paragraph 2 is replaced by the following:

'For the 1997 harvest, Greece may allow contracts submitted for registration before 8 June, and in the case of contracts concluded as a result of the allocation of additional quantities pursuant to Article 11 (3) of Regulation (EEC) No 1066/95, before 31 July, to benefit from the premium.'

Article 2

The second subparagraph of Article 11 (3) of Regulation (EC) No 1066/95 is replaced by the following:

'For the 1997 harvest, Greece is authorized to extend the deadline referred to in the first subparagraph until 30 June.'

Article 3

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

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

Done at Brussels, 26 March 1997.

For the Commission

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(1) OJ No L 215, 30. 7. 1992, p. 70.
(2) OJ No L 333, 21. 12. 1996, p. 4.
(3) OJ No L 351, 2. 12. 1992, p. 17.
(4) OJ No L 174, 12. 7. 1996, p. 15.
(5) OJ No L 108, 13. 5. 1995, p. 5.
(6) OJ No L 165, 4. 7. 1996, p. 23.