COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 1552/98

of 17 July 1998

derogating from Regulation (EEC) No 3887/92 laying down detailed rules for applying the integrated administration and control system for certain Community aid schemes

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 3508/92 of 27 November 1992 establishing an integrated administration and control system for certain Community aid schemes ([1]), as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 820/97 ([2]), and in particular Article 12 thereof,

Whereas the exceptional weather situation in certain regions of Finland, characterised by the persistence of wintry conditions beyond the usual period followed by heavy rainfall, means that it is no longer economically viable for a large number of producers in those regions to sow seeds; whereas such a situation is likely to lead to the producers affected suffering a major loss of income on their farms, including compensatory payments;

Whereas, in order to relieve the situation of the producers concerned, exceptional provision should be made for the 1998/99 marketing year allowing amendments to be made to areas declared as set aside;

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

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Notwithstanding Article 4(2)(a) of Commission Regulation (EEC) No 3887/92 ([3]), 'area' aid applications for areas declared as being 'arable crops' submitted in respect of the 1998/99 marketing year in the regions belonging to part 'C' of Finland may be added to the set-aside areas.

Amendment declarations shall be submitted no later than fifteen days after the date of publication of this Regulation.

Article 2

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, 17 July 1998.

For the Commission
Franz FISCHLER
Member of the Commission

([1]) OJ L 355, 5. 12. 1992, p. 1.
([2]) OJ L 117, 7. 5. 1997, p. 1.
([3]) OJ L 391, 31. 12. 1992, p. 36.