

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 466/96

of 14 March 1996

amending Regulation (EEC) No 1164/89 laying down detailed rules concerning
the aid for fibre flax and hemp

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,
Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 1308/70 of 29 June 1970 on the common organization of the market in flax and hemp⁽¹⁾, as last amended by the Act of Accession of Austria, Finland and Sweden and by Regulation (EC) No 3290/94⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 4 (5) thereof,

Whereas Article 4 of Commission Regulation (EEC) No 1164/89⁽³⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1741/95⁽⁴⁾, provides that the aid for flax and hemp provided for in Article 4 of Regulation (EEC) No 1308/70 shall be granted only if the operation aimed at terminating the growing cycle of the plant has been carried out after seed formation; whereas the phrase 'after seed formation' may give rise to different interpretations in producer Member States; whereas, in order to ensure uniform application of the aid scheme, the exact meaning of that phrase should be specified;

Whereas Annexes A and B to Regulation (EEC) No 1164/89 contain a list of the varieties of flax grown mainly for fibre and of the varieties of hemp eligible for aid; whereas, since new varieties are now being used, those Annexes should be supplemented;

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

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Regulation (EEC) No 1164/89 is hereby amended as follows:

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

Done at Brussels, 14 March 1996.

1. In Article 4 (a) the following is inserted after the third indent:

'Seed formation as referred to in the first indent shall be considered to be terminated if the number of hemp seeds or flax seed capsules found to have reached their final shape and volume is greater than the number of other hemp seeds or flax seed capsules;'

2. Annex A is replaced by the following Annex:

*ANNEX A**List of varieties of flax grown mainly for fibre*

Aino	Marina
Argos	Martta
Ariane	Natasja
Belinka	Nike
Bertelin	Nynke
Diane	Opaline
Electra	Raisa
Elise	Regina
Escalina	Saskia
Evelin	Silva
Hermes	Viking
Illona	Viola'
Laura	

3. The varieties 'Epsilon 68' and 'Santhica 23' are added to Annex B.

Article 2

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

For the Commission

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⁽¹⁾ OJ No L 146, 4. 7. 1970, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ OJ No L 349, 31. 12. 1994, p. 105.

⁽³⁾ OJ No L 121, 29. 4. 1989, p. 4.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ No L 167, 18. 7. 1995, p. 11.