
THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,


Whereas:

(1) The definition of eligible hectare within the framework of the single payment scheme established in Article 44 of Regulation (EC) No 1782/2003 was amended by Council Regulation (EC) No 2012/2006 so that any area under olive trees is now eligible.

(2) Article 20 of Regulation (EC) No 1782/2003 as amended by Regulation (EC) No 2012/2006 makes optional the use of the geographical information system for olive cultivation for the Member States not applying the aid for olive groves provided for in Chapter 10b of Title IV of this Regulation. Following that amendment, it is appropriate to amend Article 12 of Commission Regulation (EC) No 796/2004, concerning the contents of the single application as regards olive parcels and Annex XXIV, points 1 and 3 of Commission Regulation (EC) No 1973/2004, as regards the definition of eligible olive trees and the calculation of the number of eligible hectares for the use of payment entitlements.

(3) Article 33 of Regulation (EC) No 796/2004 lays down the rules for the application of Regulation (EC) No 1782/2003, concerning the conditions for the verification of the tetrahydrocannabinol content in hemp growth. From 2007 onwards, production of hemp for other uses than fibre will, pursuant to Chapter 4 of Title III of Regulation (EC) No 1782/2003, be allowed as a land use under the single payment scheme. As a consequence, Article 33 and Annex II of Regulation (EC) No 796/2004 should be adapted accordingly.

(4) In accordance with Article 33(2) of Regulation (EC) No 796/2004, the Member States have notified to the Commission the results of the tests to determine the tetrahydrocannabinol levels in the hemp varieties sown in 2006. Those results should be taken into account when drawing up the list of varieties of hemp eligible for direct payments in the coming marketing years and the list of varieties temporarily authorised for the marketing year 2007/2008. For the verification of the tetrahydrocannabinol content, some of those varieties should be submitted to procedure B provided for in Annex I to Regulation (EC) No 796/2004.

(5) From 2007 onwards the aid for energy crops provided for in Chapter 5 of Title IV of Regulation (EC) No 1782/2003 will be applicable in the new Member States applying the Single Area Payment Scheme. The rules governing crops group concerning aid for energy crops should also apply to those new Member States.


(7) Regulation (EC) No 270/2007 amended the rules for the potential uses of sugarbeet for the production of the energy products. Consequently, it is appropriate to adopt identical conditions for the cultivation of these plants on land eligible for the benefit of the set aside rights.

(9) The amendments introduced by Council Regulations (EC) No 953/2006 (1), (EC) No 2012/2006 and (EC) No 270/2007 are applicable as from 1 January 2007. Accordingly, the corresponding amendments provided for in this Regulation should apply as from the same date.

(10) The measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Management Committee for Direct Payments,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Regulation (EC) No 796/2004 is amended as follows:

1. in Article 12(3), the second subparagraph is replaced by the following:

'In the Member States which include the geographical information system for olive cultivation in the identification system for the agricultural parcels referred to in Article 20 of Regulation (EC) No 1782/2003, the graphic material supplied to the farmer as regards olive parcels shall include for each olive parcel the number of eligible olive trees and their positioning in the parcel as well as the olive area expressed in olive GIS-ha in accordance with point 3 of Annex XXIV of Regulation (EC) No 1973/2004.';

2. in Articles 33(4) and 33(5), in the first and second subparagraphs, the words 'grown for fibre' are deleted;

3. Annex II is replaced by the text in the Annex to this Regulation.

Article 2

Regulation (EC) No 1973/2004 is amended as follows:

1. Article 136 is replaced by the following:

'Article 136

Application of Regulation (EC) No 796/2004

Without prejudice to the third subparagraph of Article 143b(6) of Regulation (EC) No 1782/2003, Regulation


(2) OJ 796/2004 shall apply to the single area payment scheme except for Article 7, Article 8(2)(b) and (c), Article 12(1)(c) and (2), Article 13(2) to (8), Article 14(2) and (3), Articles 16 and 17, Article 21(3), Article 24(1)(b), (d) and (e), Article 26(1)(a), (b) and (c) and (2)(b), (c) and (d), Article 27(2)(g), (h), (i) and (j), Article 28(1)(d), Article 30(3), Article 31, Articles 34 to 40, Article 49(2), Article 50(2), (4), (5) and (6), Articles 51 to 64, Article 69 and Article 71(1) thereof.';

2. in Article 143(2), point a) is replaced by the following:

'(a) any sugarbeet intermediary product is used for the production of energy-products and that any co-product or by-product containing sugar is used in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 318/2006';

3. Annex XXIV is amended as follows:

(a) in point 1(b) the following subparagraph is added:

'However, any planted olive tree is eligible for the calculation of the number of eligible hectares under Article 44 of Regulation (EC) No 1782/2003 (use of payment entitlements).';

(b) in point 3, the fourth subparagraph is replaced by the following:

'The same approach shall be applied by the Member States which include the geographical information system for olive cultivation in the identification system for the agricultural parcels referred to in Article 20 of Regulation (EC) No 1782/2003 for the calculation of the number of eligible hectares under Article 44 of Regulation (EC) No 1782/2003 (use of payment entitlements).'

Article 3

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

Article 1(1) and (2) and Article 2 shall apply as from 1 January 2007.

Article 1(3) shall apply from the marketing year 2007/2008.
This Regulation shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in all Member States.

Done at Brussels, 4 April 2007.

For the Commission
Mariann FISCHER BOEL
Member of the Commission
ANNEX

ANNEX II

VARIETIES OF HEMP ELIGIBLE FOR DIRECT PAYMENTS

(a) Hemp varieties

Beniko
Carmagnola
CS
Delta-Llosa
Delta 405
Dioica 88
Epsilon 68
Fedora 17
Felina 32
Felina 34 — Féline 34
Ferimon — Férimon
Fibranova
Fibrimon 24
Futura 75
Juso 14
Kompolti
Red Petiole
Santhica 23
Santhica 27
Silesia
Uso-31

(b) Hemp varieties authorised in the marketing year 2007/2008

Bialobrzeskie
Chamaeleon (1)
Cannakomp
Denise (2)
Diana (2)
Fasamo
Fibricho TC
Kompolti hibrid TC
Lipko
Tiborszállási (1)
UNIKO-B
Zenit (2)

(1) For the marketing year 2007/2008 procedure B of Annex I shall apply.
(2) Only in Romania, as authorised by Commission Decision 2007/69/EC (OJ L 32, 6.2.2007, p. 167).'