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(Acts whose publication is not obligatory)

COMMISSION

COMMISSION DECISION

of 15 April 1996

amending the boundaries of the less-favoured areas in Sweden within the meaning of Council Directive 75/268/EEC

(Only the Swedish text is authentic)

(96/287/EC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Directive 75/268/EEC of 28 April 1975 on mountain and hill farming and farming in certain less-favoured areas (¹), as last amended by the Act of Accession of Austria, Finland and Sweden, and in particular Article 2 (3) thereof,Whereas Council Directive 95/498/EC (²) lays down the areas in Sweden which qualify as less-favoured areas within the meaning of Article 3 (3), (4) and (5) of Directive 75/268/EEC;

Whereas the Swedish Government has communicated to the Commission, in accordance with Article 2 (1) of Directive 75/268/EEC, the new areas eligible for inclusion in the Community list of less-favoured farming areas and information concerning the characteristics of those areas; whereas, furthermore, the existing special aid system in the less-favoured areas will be extended to the new areas;

Whereas, as the aforementioned communication indicates, the areas comply with the criteria and figures in Directive 95/498/EC for determining the areas concerned within the meaning of Article 3 (5) of Directive 75/268/EEC; whereas, as a result, the aforementioned area should be included in the Community list of less-

favoured areas within the meaning of Article 3 (5) of Directive 75/268/EEC;

Whereas the combined surface area of the areas in question does not exceed 4 % of the surface area of the Member State concerned;

Whereas the measures provided for in this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the Standing Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The Community list of less-favoured areas in Sweden given in Annex I to Directive 95/498/EC is hereby supplemented by the list given in the Annex to this Decision.

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to the Kingdom of Sweden.

Done at Brussels, 15 April 1996.

For the Commission

Franz FISCHLER

Member of the Commission(¹) OJ No L 128, 19. 5. 1975, p. 1.(²) OJ No L 287, 30. 11. 1995, p. 33.

ANNEX

Code	Municipality	Parish	Land area	Agricultural area
Kod	Kommun	Församling	Landareal	Areal jordbruksmark
			km ²	ha

'1 STOCKHOLMS LÄN

125 125 020	Ekerö	ADELSÖ <i>Island/ö</i> Adelsö Björkö Kurön	26,39 4,03 1,74	763 150 30
Total			32,16	943'