

COUNCIL REGULATION (EC) No 409/97
of 24 February 1997
amending Regulation (EEC) No 2328/91 on improving the efficiency of
agricultural structures

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community, and in particular Article 43 thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission ⁽¹⁾,

Having regard to the opinion of the European Parliament ⁽²⁾,

Whereas special rules have been adopted for the application of compensatory allowances as provided for in Regulation (EEC) No 2328/91 ⁽³⁾, in the less-favoured areas of Portugal; whereas, in view of the agricultural structure situation in Portugal, the provisions to improve that situation should be extended in a suitable form,

Article 1

Article 37 of Regulation (EEC) No 2328/91 is hereby replaced by the following:

'Article 37

Compensatory allowances as provided for in Article 17 may be granted until 31 December 1997 to farmers farming at least one hectare of utilized agricultural area in mainland Portugal.'

Article 2

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

It shall apply from 1 January 1996.

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

Done at Brussels, 24 February 1997.

For the Council

The President

H. VAN MIERLO

⁽¹⁾ OJ No C 8, 11. 1. 1997, p. 8.

⁽²⁾ Opinion delivered on 21 February 1997 (not yet published in the Official Journal).

⁽³⁾ OJ No L 218, 6. 8. 1991, p. 1. Regulation as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 2387/95 (OJ No L 244, 12. 10. 1995, p. 50).