

COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 1374/2000
of 28 June 2000
deferring the final date for sowing certain arable crops in certain regions in the 2000/01 marketing year

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 1251/1999 of 17 May 1999 establishing a support system for producers of certain arable crops ⁽¹⁾, as amended by Regulation (EC) No 2704/1999 ⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 9 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Article 8(2) of Regulation (EC) No 1251/1999 lays down that, to qualify for area payments for cereals, protein crops and linseed under the support system for certain arable crops, producers must have sown the seed at the latest by 31 May preceding the relevant harvest.
- (2) Because of particularly severe weather conditions this year, the final dates for sowing seeds fixed in several Member States cannot be complied with in all cases. Consequently, the final date for sowing cereals and/or oilseeds and/or linseed for the 2000/01 marketing year should, where necessary, be deferred for certain specific regions. In order to do so, a derogation from Regulation

(EC) No 1251/1999 should be laid down as permitted by the 11th indent of Article 9 of that Regulation.

- (3) The measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Management Committee for Cereals,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The final dates for sowing for the 2000/01 marketing year are fixed in the Annex for the crops, Member States and regions indicated.

Article 2

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

It shall apply from 31 May 2000.

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

Done at Brussels, 28 June 2000.

For the Commission

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Member of the Commission

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 160, 26.6.1999, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 327, 21.12.1999, p. 12.

ANNEX

Final dates for sowing for the 2000/01 marketing year

Crop	Member State	Region	Final date
Maize, sunflower, sorghum	Spain	The entire country with the exception of Galicia, Asturias, Cantabria, the Basque Country and the Canary Islands	15 June 2000
Maize, sunflower, sorghum, linseed	Portugal	All continental Portugal	15 June 2000
Maize, sorghum, sunflower, buckwheat, soya	France	Upper Normandy Lower Normandy Britanny Loire Region Centre Poitou-Charentes Limousin Aquitaine Midi-Pyrénées	15 June 2000
Maize, soya, sunflower, sorghum	Italy	Piedmont	15 June 2000
Maize, soya	Austria	The entire country	15 June 2000
Maize	Luxembourg	The entire country	15 June 2000
All crops	United Kingdom	The entire country	15 June 2000
Maize, soya, sunflower	Greece	Macedonia Thrace	15 June 2000
Maize	Belgium	West Flanders East Flanders Hainaut	15 June 2000
All crops	Finland	C3 C4	30 June 2000
All crops	Sweden	Dalarna Gävleborg Jämtland Västernorrland Västerbotten Norrbotten	30 June 2000