

COMMISSION DECISION

of 5 May 2006

derogating from Regulation (EC) No 2848/98 as regards the extension of the deadlines for delivering raw tobacco in Greece for the 2005 harvest*(notified under document number C(2006) 1784)***(Only the Greek text is authentic)**

(2006/331/EC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 2075/92 of 30 June 1992 on the common organisation of the market in raw tobacco ⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 7 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Article 16 of Commission Regulation (EC) No 2848/98 of 22 December 1998 laying down detailed rules for the application of Council Regulation (EEC) No 2075/92 as regards the premium scheme, production quotas and the specific aid to be granted to producer groups in the raw tobacco sector ⁽²⁾, sets the deadlines for producers to deliver raw tobacco to processors. Although Regulation (EC) No 2848/98 was repealed by Commission Regulation (EC) No 1973/2004 of 29 October 2004 laying down detailed rules for the application of Council Regulation (EC) No 1782/2003 as regards the support schemes provided for in Titles IV and IVa of that Regulation and the use of land set aside for the production of raw materials ⁽³⁾ with effect from 1 January 2006, it continues to apply to the 2005 harvest by virtue of Article 172(3b) of Regulation (EC) No 1973/2004.
- (2) As a result of especially difficult weather conditions in Greece, in particular much higher rainfall and lower temperatures than the seasonal averages, tobacco

preparation and delivery operations have been greatly delayed.

- (3) The deadlines for the delivery of raw tobacco to first processors in Greece should therefore be extended.
- (4) The measures provided for in this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the Management Committee for Tobacco,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

Notwithstanding Article 16 of Regulation (EC) No 2848/98, for the 2005 harvest in Greece the deadlines set in that Article are hereby extended by 30 days.

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to the Hellenic Republic.

Done at Brussels, 5 May 2006.

For the Commission
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Member of the Commission

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 215, 30.7.1992, p. 70. Regulation as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1679/2005 (OJ L 271, 15.10.2005, p. 1).

⁽²⁾ OJ L 358, 31.12.1998, p. 17. Regulation as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1809/2004 (OJ L 318, 19.10.2004, p. 18).

⁽³⁾ OJ L 345, 20.11.2004, p. 1. Regulation as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 263/2006 (OJ L 46, 16.2.2006, p. 24).