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(Preparatory Acts)

COMMISSION

Amended proposal for a Council Regulation (EEC) amending Regulation (EEC) No 2727/75 on the common organization of the market in cereals ⁽¹⁾*COM(90) 4 final**(Submitted by the Commission to the Council pursuant to Article 149 (2) of the EEC Treaty on 18 January 1990)**(90/C 24/14)*

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

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

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Having regard to the opinion of the European Parliament,

Having regard to the opinion of the Economic and Social Committee,

Whereas Article 4b of Regulation (EEC) No 2727/75 on the common organization of the market in cereals ⁽²⁾, as last amended by Regulation (ECC) No 3707/89 ⁽³⁾, provides for the payment of the maximum additional co-responsibility levy at the beginning of the marketing year and, where appropriate, for its reimbursement in full or in part depending on the definitive harvest recorded;

Whereas the abovementioned arrangements lead to administrative complications throughout a substantial part of the marketing year; whereas they should accordingly be replaced by arrangements which, while maintaining application of the levy during the same marketing year, enable the abovementioned difficulties to be avoided by deferring to the following marketing year some of the consequences of the determination of the level of production of a given marketing year; whereas that objective may be achieved by setting an additional co-responsibility levy equal to 1,5 % of the intervention price for common wheat which, after the first marketing year of application will be adjusted if necessary to take account of the percentage by which the production of the previous marketing year exceeds the maximum guaranteed quantity; whereas however this adjustment may not lead to the setting, for the marketing year in question, of an additional co-responsibility levy of more than 3 %,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Article 4b of Regulation (EEC) No 2727/75 is hereby amended as follows:

1. Paragraph 2 is replaced by the following:

‘Where the cereal production from a marketing year exceeds the maximum guaranteed quantity referred to in paragraph 1, an additional co-responsibility levy shall be payable by producers, in proportion to the amount of the excess, within a limit of 3 %. It shall be set on the basis of the intervention price valid for common wheat at the beginning of the marketing year in question.

Article 4 (1), (4), (6) and (7) shall apply to this additional levy.

This levy shall be applied in the following way:

- a flat-rate levy of 1,5 % of the intervention price referred to above shall be applied from the beginning of the marketing year,
- should the percentage by which the maximum guaranteed quantity, determined in accordance with paragraph 4, be different from the percentage of the flat-rate levy, the flat-rate levy for the following marketing year shall be increased or reduced by the difference between the two percentages within a limit of 1,5 %.

2. In paragraph 4, ‘before 1 March’ is replaced by ‘in February’.

Article 2

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

It shall apply with effect from the 1990/91 marketing year.

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

⁽¹⁾ OJ No C 260, 13. 10. 1989, p. 4.

⁽²⁾ OJ No L 281, 1. 11. 1975, p. 1.

⁽³⁾ OJ No L 363, 13. 12. 1989, p. 1.