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(Preparatory Acts)

COMMISSION

Amendment to the proposal for a Council Regulation (EEC) on action by the Community for the protection of the environment in the Mediterranean region (Medspa) (1)

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(1) OJ No C 80, 30. 3. 1990, p. 19.

ORIGINAL TEXT	AMENDED TEXT
Recital 12	Recital 12
Whereas the Commission has decided to launch a scheme concerning structural funds and the environment (Envireg); whereas, on the other hand, it is necessary to launch an additional scheme to benefit the environment in the Mediterranean region which is the subject of this Regulation;	Whereas the Commission has set up a scheme concerning the environment (Envireg) within the framework of the structural funds; whereas, on the other hand, it is necessary to extend this kind of measure and launch innovative schemes to benefit the environment in the Mediterranean region which is the subject of this Regulation;
	Article 1
	paragraph 3 (new)
	3. In order to avoid any possible overlapping or duplication of measures in the region covered by this Regulation, a report shall be drawn up on all existing programmes and projects designed to protect the environment of the Mediterranean region.
Article 2	*Article 2*
fifth indent	fifth indent
— to encourage the transfer of the appropriate technologies to protect the Mediterranean envrionment,	— to encourage the transfer and adaptation of the relevant technological information, methods, measures and innovations to protect and improve the Mediterranean envrionment,
	indent 5a (new)
	— to promote publicity regarding the need to protect the Mediterranean environment and promote the training of adults and environmental education for children and young people,

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Article 4	*Article 4*
Priorities for the first five-year phase are listed in the Annex. Priorities for the second five-year phase will be reviewed in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 14.	Priorities for the first five-year phase are listed in the Annex. Priorities for the second five-year phase will be reviewed in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 14, after a report has been submitted to the European Parliament and to the Council assessing the profitability of Medspa during the first five-year phase.
Article 5	*Article 5*
The financial support provided for in this Regulation may be granted in respect of operations which fall within the priorities referred to in Article 4.	The financial support provided for in this Regulation may be granted in respect of operations which fall within the range of measures referred to in Article 4.
Where appropriate, the financial support may also be granted in respect of operations which:	Where appropriate, priority may also be given to measures which:
— are undertaken to deal with a grave situation or a rapidly changing situation, or	— are undertaken to deal with a grave situation or a rapidly changing situation, or
— permit the transfer of technologies and their adaptation to the situation in the Mediterranean environment, or	— permit the transfer of technologies and their adaptation to the situation in the Mediterranean environment, or
— are undertaken to deal with a problem which is liable, within a short time, to give rise to a lasting change in the ecological conditions in the area concerned.	— are undertaken to deal with a problem which is liable, within a short time, to give rise to a lasting change in the ecological conditions in the area concerned.
Article 8	*Article 8*
first indent	first indent
— a maximum of 50 % of the total cost in the case of public investment projects, and pilot or demonstration projects,	— a maximum of 50 % of the total cost in the case of public or private investment projects, and pilot or demonstration projects,
second indent	second indent
— a maximum of 30 % of the total cost in the case of private investment projects,	deleted
Article 9	*Article 9*
paragraph 2	paragraph 2
2. Without prejudice to checks carried out by the Court of Auditors in conjunction with the competent national control institutions or services under Article 206b of the Treaty or to any inspection carried out on the basis of Article 209c of the Treaty, Commission officials or employees may carry out on-the-spot checks, including sample checks, in respect of operations financed by Community action.	2. Without prejudice to checks carried out by the Court of Auditors in conjunction with the competent national control institutions or services under Article 206b of the Treaty or to any inspection carried out on the basis of Article 209c of the Treaty, Commission officials or employees may carry out on-the-spot checks, including sample checks, or any other selection procedure, in respect of operations financed by Community action.

ORIGINAL TEXT	AMENDED TEXT
Article 10	*Article 10*
paragraph 3	paragraph 3
3. Any sum which is unduly received by the beneficiary shall be repaid to the Commission. Interest may be charged on sums not repaid in due time. The Commission shall lay down the detailed rules for the implementation of this paragraph.	3. Any sum which is unduly received by the beneficiary shall be repaid to the Commission. Interest shall be charged on sums not repaid by the date specified. The Commission shall lay down the detailed rules for the implementation of this paragraph.

ANNEX

	preamble
	(new)
	In order to gain the optimum benefit from the measures, account should be taken of those clean technologies that are best suited to the requirements and the conditions.
	point 1
	indent 3a
	(new)
	— Reafforestation using indigenous species and measures to increase the area of vegetation
point 1	point 1
fourth indent	fourth indent
— Integrated management of biotopes of Community interest in coastal regions	— Integrated management of biotopes and habitats of Community interest in coastal and interior regions
	point 1, indents 4a and 4b
	(new)
	— Protection of soil whose quality has deteriorated as a result of fire or desertification
	— Protection of the soil against coastal erosion
	point 3
	(new)
	with title
	JOINT MEASURES BY COMMUNITY AND NON-COMMUNITY MEDITERRANEAN COUNTRIES IN THE PRIORITY SECTORS REFERRED TO UNDER POINT 1.