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COMMISSION

COMMISSION DECISION

of 2 February 1995

on the recognition of the producer group for hops in northern France

(Only the French text is authentic)

(95/17/EC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,
Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Commission Regulation (EEC) No 1351/72 of 28 June 1972 on the recognition of producer groups for hops ⁽¹⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 3858/87 ⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 2 (2) thereof,

Whereas Article 2 (2) of that Regulation lays down that a Member State may be authorized, upon application, to recognize a group whose registered areas comprise less than 60 hectares if the area is located in a recognized production region covering less than 100 hectares; whereas such an application has been submitted by the French authorities for the Société Coopérative Houblonnière du Nord, known as Coophounord;

Whereas these producers, who number 16, also fulfil all the other conditions required by Regulation (EEC) No 1351/72 to be recognized as a producer group;

Whereas, to avoid creating a situation whereby these producers might be handicapped compared to the other Community producers, the application should be accepted;

Whereas the measures provided for in this Decision are in accordance with the Management Committee for Hops,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

France is hereby authorized to recognize the Coophounord producer group pursuant to Article 2 (2) of Regulation (EEC) No 1351/72.

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to the French Republic.

Done at Brussels, 2 February 1995.

For the Commission

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⁽¹⁾ OJ No L 148, 30. 6. 1972, p. 13.

⁽²⁾ OJ No L 363, 23. 12. 1987, p. 27.