COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 1441/2002

of 7 August 2002

fixing for the 2002/03 marketing year the amount of aid for the cultivation of grapes intended for the production of certain varieties of dried grapes

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 2201/96 of 28 October 1996 on the common organisation of the market in products processed from fruit and vegetables [1], as last amended by Commission Regulation (EC) No 453/2002 [2], and in particular Article 7(5) thereof,

Whereas:

(1) The second subparagraph of Article 7(1) of Regulation (EC) No 2201/96 establishes the criteria for fixing the aid for the cultivation of grapes intended for the production of dried grapes of the sultana and Muscatel varieties and currants.

(2) The third subparagraph of Article 7(1) of that Regulation states that the amount of aid may be differentiated according to grape variety and other factors which may affect yields. In the case of sultanas an additional differentiation should be provided for, between areas affected by phylloxera and other areas.

(3) Verification of the areas used to grow those grapes has revealed no overrun of the maximum guaranteed area fixed in Article 2(1) of Commission Regulation (EC) No 1621/1999 of 22 July 1999 laying down detailed rules for the application of Council Regulation (EC) No 2201/96 as regards the aid for the cultivation of grapes to produce certain varieties of dried grapes [3], as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1880/2001 [4].

(4) The aid to be granted to producers replanting their vineyards in order to combat phylloxera under the conditions provided for in Article 7(4) of Regulation (EC) No 2201/96 should be determined.

(5) The measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Management Committee for Products Processed from Fruit and Vegetables,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

For the 2002/03 marketing year:

(a) the cultivation aid referred to in Article 7(1) of Regulation (EC) No 2201/96 shall be:
- EUR 2 400 per hectare for areas under sultana grapes affected by phylloxera or replanted within the last five years,
- EUR 3 290 per hectare for other areas under sultana grapes,
- EUR 3 080 per hectare for areas under currant grapes,
- EUR 880 per hectare for areas under Muscatel grapes;

(b) the replanting aid referred to in Article 7(4) of Regulation (EC) No 2201/96 shall be:
- EUR 3 917 per hectare. In this case, point (a) shall not apply.

Article 2

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

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

Done at Brussels, 7 August 2002.

For the Commission
Franz FISCHLER
Member of the Commission

[1] OJ L 297, 21.11.1996, p. 29.
[2] OJ L 72, 14.3.2002, p. 9.
[3] OJ L 192, 24.7.1999, p. 21.
[4] OJ L 258, 27.9.2001, p. 14.