COUNCIL DIRECTIVE

of 27 October 1981

amending Directive 75/275/EEC concerning the Community list of less-favoured areas within the meaning of Council Directive 75/268/EEC (Netherlands)

(81/875/EEC)

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,

Having regard to Council Directive 75/268/EEC of 28 April 1975 on mountain and hill farming and farming in certain less-favoured areas [1], as last amended by Directive 80/666/EEC [2], and in particular Article 2 (3) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission [3],

Having regard to the opinion of the European Parliament [4],

Whereas Council Directive 75/275/EEC of 28 April 1975 concerning the Community list of less-favoured farming areas within the meaning of Directive 75/268/EEC (Netherlands) [5] indicates the areas in the Netherlands included in the Community list of less-favoured areas within the meaning of Article 3 (5) of Directive 75/268/EEC ;

Whereas the Netherlands Government has applied, under Article 2 (1) of Directive 75/268/EEC, to have the list of areas contained in the Annex to Directive 75/275/EEC amended in accordance with the Annex to this Directive ;

Whereas the new areas contained in the list correspond to the criteria and statistical values which were applied in Directive 75/275/EEC for determining the areas concerned within the meaning of Article 3 (5) of Directive 75/268/EEC ;

Whereas moreover the total surface area of these areas is less than 2·5 % of the total surface area of the Netherlands,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DIRECTIVE :

Article 1

The list of less-favoured areas in the Netherlands contained in the Annex to Directive 75/275/EEC is hereby replaced by the list as shown in the Annex to this Directive.

Article 2

This Directive is addressed to the Kingdom of the Netherlands.

Done at Luxembourg, 27 October 1981.

For the Council

The President

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(1) OJ No L 128, 19. 5. 1975, p. 1.
(2) OJ No L 180, 14. 7. 1980, p. 34.
(3) OJ No C 160, 30. 6. 1981, p. 3.
(4) Opinion delivered on 16 October 1981 (not yet published in the Official Journal).
(5) OJ No L 128, 19. 5. 1975, p. 229.