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COUNCIL

COUNCIL DIRECTIVE

of 14 February 1977

amending Directive 75/271/EEC concerning the Community list of less-favoured farming areas within the meaning of Directive 75/268/EEC (France)

(77/178/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 amended by Directive 76/400/EEC [2], and in particular Article 2 (2) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Having regard to the opinion of the European Parliament [3],

Whereas, in accordance with Article 2 (1) of Directive 75/268/EEC, the Government of the French Republic has communicated to the Commission 31 areas which, within the meaning of Article 3 (4) and (5) of the said Directive, are suitable for inclusion in the Community list of less-favoured farming areas, and the information concerning the characteristics of these areas ;

Whereas 25 less-favoured areas within the meaning of Article 3 (4) of Directive 75/268/EEC, are homogeneous from the point of view of natural production conditions ;

Whereas the following indices, relating to the presence of infertile land as referred to in Article 3 (4) (a) of Directive 75/268/EEC, have been utilized : final agricultural production per hectare of utilized agricultural area not exceeding 80 % of the national average, or livestock density less than one livestock unit per forage hectare, this latter index being used only when the proportion of forage area in relation to the utilized agricultural area is greater than 50 % ;

Whereas economic farming results appreciably lower than the mean, as referred to in Article 3 (4) (b) of Directive 75/268/EEC, have been calculated using the index reflecting gross farm income per annual family labour unit less than 80 % of the national average ;

Whereas, as regards the low population predominantly dependent on agricultural activity, as referred to in Article 3 (4) (c) of Directive 75/268/EEC, the following indices have been utilized : population density per square kilometre less than 50 % of the national average (94) and a proportion of at least 15 % of the working population engaged in agriculture as a percentage of the total working population ;

Whereas, for purposes of defining the six small areas affected by specific handicaps and which, under Article 3 (5) of Directive 75/268/EEC, may be assimilated to less-favoured farming areas, the principal criterion applied was the existence of unfavourable natural conditions of production — namely poor soil potential, poor drainage conditions, presence of steep slopes, excessive levels of salinity — and of handicaps resulting from constraints relating to conservation of the countryside, preservation of the tourist potential and the insular nature of certain areas ; whereas a further criterion adopted was that the total extent of

[1] OJ No L 128, 19. 5. 1975, p. 1.
[2] OJ No L 108, 26. 4. 1976, p. 21.
[3] Opinion delivered on 11 February 1977 (not yet published in the Official Journal).

these areas, taking into account those already included in the Community list under Article 3 (5), should not exceed 2·5 % of the area of the Member State concerned ;

Whereas the nature and level of the abovementioned indices utilized by the Government of the French Republic to define the two classes of area communicated to the Commission correspond to the characteristics of less-favoured areas and of areas affected by specific handicaps as referred to in Article 3 (4) and (5) respectively of Directive 75/268/EEC ;

Whereas the communication from the Member State concerned does not describe the present infrastructure of these areas as referred to in Article 3 (2) of Directive 75/268/EEC and it appears that this infrastructure is not always adequate ; whereas, moreover, because of the lack of particulars as to current or planned programmes, it is not possible to assess the time necessary for a decisive improvement in this situation ; whereas it nevertheless seems expedient to include the areas in question in the Community list of less-favoured farming areas annexed to Council Directive 75/271/EEC of 28 April 1975 concerning the Community list of less-favoured farming areas within the meaning of Directive 75/268/EEC (France) ([1]), on the understanding that the French Government will shortly submit a detailed communication on this subject to the Commission,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DIRECTIVE :

Article 1

With effect from 5 August 1976, the areas listed in the Annex to this Directive are added to the Annex to Council Directive 75/271/EEC.

Article 2

The Member State concerned shall forward to the Commission, by the end of 1977 at the latest, a detailed communication indicating the time by which measures for the substantial improvement of the infrastructures referred to in Article 3 (2) of Directive 75/268/EEC will be effective in the areas referred to in Article 1.

Article 3

This Directive is addressed to the French Republic.

Done at Brussels, 14 February 1977.

For the Council

The President

J. SILKIN

([1]) OJ No L 128, 19. 5. 1975, p. 33.

BILAG — ANNEX — ANHANG — ANNEXE — ALLEGATO — BIJLAGE

ZONES DÉFAVORISÉES AU SENS DE L'ARTICLE 3 PARAGRAPHE 4 DE LA DIRECTIVE 75/268/CEE

1. ZÔNE PLATEAUX DE L'EST (I)

DÉPARTEMENT DE MEURTHE-ET-MOSELLE (54)

PRA Montagne Vosgienne (en partie)

Neufmaisons
Pexonne
Pierre-Percée
Bionville
Angomont
St-Sauveur
Bremenil
Petit-Mont
Val-et-Chatillon
Bertrambois
Tanconville
Cirey-sur-Vezouze
Parux
Badonviller
Fenneviller
Vacqueville
Merviller
Bertrichamp
La Chapelle
Thiaville-sur-Meurthe
Raon-lès-Léaux
Veney

PRA Plateau lorrain (en partie)

Fremonville
Harbouey
Nonhigny
Montreux
Halloville
Ancerviller
Neuviller-les-Badonviller
St-Maurice
Ste-Pole
Migneville
Montigny
Pettonville
Vaxainville
Reherrey
Hablainville
Brouville
Chenivières
Azerailles
Gelacourt
Flin
Glonville
Fontenoy-La Joute

2. ZÔNE PLATEAUX DE L'EST (II)

DÉPARTEMENT DES VOSGES (88)

PRA Vôge (en partie)

Granges-de-Plombières, Bellefontaine, Ruaux (1)
Hadol
Dounoux
Urimenil
Xertigny
Renauvoid
Uzemain
La Chapelle-aux-Bois
Le Clerjus
Harsault
Les Voivres
Hautmougey
Bains-les-Bains
Tremonzey
La Haye
Grandrupt-les-Bains
Gruey-les-Surances
Montmotier
Fontenoy-le-Château
Le Magny
Belrupt
Hennezel
Attigny
Claudon
Monthureux-sur-Saône

(1) Fusionnées avec Plombieres-les-Bains (Montagne vosgienne).

PRA Plateau lorrain (en partie)

Martinvelle
Regnevelle
Godoncourt
Ameuvelle
Fignevelle
Les Thons
Lironcourt
Châtillon-sur-Saône
Grignoncourt
Ainvelle
Senaide

DÉPARTEMENT DU DOUBS (25)

PRA Plaines et basses vallées du Doubs et de l'Ognon (en partie)

Abbans-Dessous
Abbenans
Accolans
Aibre
Allenjoie
Allondans
Amagney
Appenans
Arc-et-Senans
Arcey
Arcier (fusionnee avec Vaire-le-Grand)
Audeux
Autechaux
Auxon-Dessous
Auxon-Dessus
Avanne, Aveney } fusionnees
Avilley
Battenans-les-Mines
Baume-les-Dames
(fusionnée avec Champvans-lès-Baume)
Bavans
Berche
Berthelange
Beutal
Blarians
Blussangeaux
Blussans
Bois-la-Ville
(fusionnee avec Hyevre-Paroisse)
Bonnal
Bonnay
Bourguignon
Bournois
Braillans
Branne
Breconchaux
Breres
La Bretenière
Bretigney
Brognard
Buffard
Burgille
(fusionnee avec Chazoy et Cordiron)
Byans-sur-Doubs
Cendrey
Chaleze
Chalezeule
Champagney
Champoux
Champvans-lès-Baume
(fusionnee avec Baume-les-Dames)
Champvans-les-Moulins
Châtillon-Guyotte
Châtillon-le-Duc
Chaucenne
Chaudefontaine
Chay
Chazelot (fusionnée avec Rougemont)
Chazoy (fusionnee avec Burgille, Cordiron)
Chemaudin
Chevigney-sur-l'Ognon
Chevroz
Chouzelot
Clerval
Colombier-Chatelot (fraction fusionnée
avec St-Maurice-Colombier)
Colombier-Fontaine
Corcelles-Ferrière
Corcelles-Mieslot
Corcondray
Cordiron (fusionnee avec Burgille, Chazoy)
Cottier (fusionnee avec Mercey-le-Grand)
Courchapon (fusionnee avec Jallerange)
Cubrial
Cubry
Cuse-et-Adrisans
Cussey-sur-l'Ognon
Dambenois
Dampierre-sur-Doubs
Dannemarie-sur-Crète
Deluz
Desandans
Devecey
Dung
Echenans
Ecole-Valentin
L'Écouvotte
Emagny
Étouvans
Étrabonne
Étrappe
Faimbe
Ferrière-les-Bois
Flagey-Rigney
Fontaine-lès-Clerval
Fontenelle-Montby
Fontenotte
Fourbanne
Fourg
Franey
Franois
Gemonval

PRA Plaines et basses vallées du Doubs et de l'Ognon *(suite)* (en partie)

Geneuille
Geney
Germondans
Gondenans-les-Moulins
Gondenans-Montby
Gouhelans
Grandfontaine
Grosbois
Merey-Vieilley
Mesandans
Mesmay
Miserey-Salines
Moncey
Moncley
Mondon
Montagney-Servigney
Montenois
Montferney (fusionnée avec Rougemont)
Montferrand-le-Château
Montussaint
Le Moutherot
(fusionnée avec Jallerange et Courchapon)
Nans
Noironte
Novillars
Ollans
Osselle
Palise
Paroy
Pelousey
Pessans
Pirey
Placey
Roulans
Routelle
Ruffey-le-Château
St-Hilaire
St-Julien-lès-Montbéliard
Ste-Marie
Morchamps
(fusionnée avec Rougemont et Chazelot)
Hôpital-St-Lieffroy
Huanne-Montmartin
Hyevre-Magny
Hyevre-Paroisse
(fusionnée avec Bois-la-Ville)
Isle-sur-Doubs
Issans
Jallerange
(fusionnée avec Courchapon et Moutherot)
Laire
Laissey
Lantenne-Vertière
Lavans-Quingey
Lavernay
Liesle
Lombard
Longevelle-sur-Doubs
Lougres
Lusans (fusionnée avec Pouligney)
Luxiol
Mancenans
Marchaux
Marvelise
Mazerolles-le-Salin
Médière
Mercey-le-Grand (fusionnée avec Cottier)
Pont-les-Moulins
Pompierre-sur-Doubs
Pouilley-Français
Pouilley-les-Vignes
Pouligney-Lusans (fusionnée avec Lusans)
Presentevillers
La Prétière
Puessans
Le Puy
Quingey
Rancenay
Rang
Raynans
Recologne
Rennes-sur-Loue
Rigney
Rignosot
Rillans
Roche-lez-Beaupre
Rognon
Romain
Roset-Fluans
Rougemontot
St-Vit (fusionnée avec Boismurie)
Samson
Santoche
Sauvagney
Sechin
Rougemont (fusionnée avec Chazelot
et Montperney et Morchamps)
Semondans
Serre-les-Sapins
Soye
Tallans
Tallenay
Thise
Thoraise
Thurey-le-Mont
Torpes
La Tour-de-Scay
Tournans
Tressandans
Trouvans
Uzelle
Vaire-le-Grand (fusionnée avec Arcier)
Vaire-le-Petit
Val-de-Roulans
Valleroy
Vandoncourt
Vaux-les-Prés
Velesmes-Essarts
Venise
Vennans
Vergranne
Verne
Le Vernoy
Vieilley
Viethorey
Villars-St-Georges
Villers-Buzon
Villers-Grelot
Voillans
Boismurie (fusionnée avec St-Vit)