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COUNCIL DIRECTIVE

of 6 April 1976

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

(76/401/EEC)

(OJ L 108, 26.4.1976, p. 22)

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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],

Having regard to the opinion of the Economic and Social Committee [4],

Whereas the Government of the French Republic has communicated to the Commission, in accordance with Article 2 (1) of Directive 75/268/EEC, a proposal to extend the mountain areas listed in the Annex 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) [5], together with the relevant information concerning the characteristics of the communes or parts of communes involved therein;

Whereas the index used for defining the very difficult climate conditions referred to in the first indent of Article 3 (3) of Directive 75/268/EEC is, for each commune, an average minimum altitude of 600 metres in the Vosges, 700 metres in the other mountain regions and 800 metres on slopes facing the Mediterranean;

Whereas the index used for defining steep slopes as referred to in the second indent of Article 3 (3) of Directive 75/268/EEC is a percentage greater than 20;

Whereas where there is a combination of the two abovementioned factors, the criteria used are a minimum altitude of 500 metres and an average slope of 15%; whereas only a very few of the communes proposed do not fully satisfy the conditions required but nevertheless fully satisfy those of Article 3 (4) of Directive 75/268/EEC; whereas since their economies are closely linked with those of their neighbouring communes and, in most cases, their areas are enclosed within those communes and clearly smaller, it is nevertheless possible to classify these communes within the mountain areas;

Whereas, the indices thus used by the Government of the French Republic for defining the areas communicated to the Commission satisfy the characteristics of mountain areas referred to in Article 3 (3) of Directive 75/268/EEC;

Whereas the communication of the Member State concerned does not describe the present situation in these areas with regard to the infrastructure referred to in Article 3 (2) of Directive 75/268/EEC; whereas it appears that the infrastructure is not always adequate; whereas moreover the absence of information about current or proposed programmes

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(1) OJ No L 128, 19. 5. 1975, p. 1.
(2) See page 21 of this Official Journal.
(3) OJ No C 79, 5. 4. 1976, p. 37.
(4) Opinion delivered on 26 February 1976 (not yet published in the Official Journal).
(5) OJ No L 128, 19. 5. 1975, p. 33.

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prevents an assessment of the period within which a substantial improvement will occur in this situation; whereas it nevertheless appears expedient to include the areas in question in the Community list of less-favoured farming areas, on the understanding that the Government of the French Republic will present shortly a detailed communication to the Commission on this subject,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DIRECTIVE:

Article 1

The areas listed in the Annex shall be added to the list of areas set out in the Annex to Directive 75/271/EEC.

Article 2

The Member State concerned shall forward to the Commission by the end of 1976 at the latest, a detailed communication indicating the period within which measures for the substantial improvement of infrastructure will be effective in the areas listed in the Annex.

Article 3

This Directive is addressed to the French Republic.

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CANTONS	COMMUNES OU PARTIES DE COMMUNES
	01 — **Département de l'Ain**
	Arrondissement de Belley
Ambérieu-en-Bugey	l'Abergement-de-Varey
Champagne-en-Valromey	Champagne-en-Valromey, Chavornay, Vieu
Saint-Rambert-en-Bugey	Torcieu
Virieu-le-Grand	Cheignieu-la-Balme, Contrevoz, Virieu-le-Grand
	Arrondissement de Nantua
Bellegarde-sur-Valserine	Bellegarde-sur-Valserine (reste du territoire non classé par arrêté du 20. 2. 1974), Surjoux
Izernore	Izernore, Matafelon-Granges (reste du territoire non classé par arrêté du 20. 2. 1974), Samognat, Serrières-sur-Ain
Nantua	Brion, Géovreissiat
Poncin	Challes-la-Montagne, Mérignat, Saint-Alban
Oyonnax	Dortan
	03 — **Département de l'Allier**
	Arrondissement de Vichy
Cusset	Busset
	04 — **Département des Alpes-de-Haute-Provence**
	Arrondissement de Forcalquier
Sisteron	Mison, Sisteron
Volonne	Aubignosc, Château-Arnoux, l'Escale, Peipin, Volonne
	06 — **Département des Alpes-Maritimes**
	Arrondissement de Grasse
Bar-sur-Loup	Bar-sur-Loup, Tourettes-sur-Loup
Saint-Vallier-de-Thiey	Cabris, Saint-Cézaire-sur-Siagne, Spéracédès, Le Tignet
Vence	Le Broc, Gattières, Saint-Jeannet
	Arrondissement de Nice
Contes	Cantaron, Châteauneuf-de-Contes, Contes
L'Escarène	Blausasc, Peillon
Levens	Aspremont, La Roquette-sur-Var, Saint-Blaise, Tourette-Levens
Roquesteron	Gilette
	07 — **Département de l'Ardèche**
	Arrondissement de Largentière
Joyeuse	Faugères, Planzolles, Ribes, Vernon
Largentière	Chazeaux, Largentière (fraction ancienne commune de Tauriers)
Thueyts	Fabras, Lalevade-d'Ardèche, Meyras, Pont-de-Labeaume
	Arrondissement de Privas
Vals-les-Bains	Vals-les-Bains
Chomérac	Saint-Bauzile
Privas	Dunières-sur-Eyrieux, les Ollières-sur-Eyrieux, Veyras
Viviers	Aubignas
La Voulte-sur-Rhône	Saint-Fortunat-sur-Eyrieux, Saint-Laurent-du-Pape

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	Arrondissement de Tournon
Annonay	Annonay
Saint-Félicien	Colombier-le-Vieux
Saint-Peray	Champis, Saint-Sylvestre
Tournon	Boucieu-le-Roi, Colombier-le-Jeune, Plats, Saint-Barthélémy-le-Plain
	09 — **Département de l'Ariège**
	Arrondissement de Foix
La Bastide-de-Sérou	Aigues-Juntes, Allières, La Bastide-de-Sérou, Cadarcet, Durban-sur-Arize, Larbont, Montels, Montséron, Nescus, Suzan
Foix	Arabaux, Baulou, Cos, Foix, l'Herm, Loubières, Montgaillard, Pradières, Saint-Jean-de-Verges, Saint-Martin-de-Caralp, Saint-Pierre-de-Rivière, Vernajoul
Lavelanet	L'Aiguillon, Carla-de-Roquefort, Dreuilhe, Illat, Lavelanet, Lesparrou, Lieurac, Raissac, Roquefort-les-Cascades, Saint-Jean-d'Aigues-Vives, Sautel, Ventenac, Villeneuve-d'Olmes
	Arrondissement de Pamiers
Le Mas-d'Azil	Camarade, Gabre, Le Mas-d'Azil, Montfa
Mirepoix	Dun, Pradettes
Varilhes	Calzan, Cazaux, Dalou, Gudas, Loubens, Malléon, Ségura, Vira
	Arrondissement de Saint-Girons
Sainte-Croix-Volvestre	Bagert, Barjac, Bedeille, Contrazy, Lasserre, Mauvezin-de-Sainte-Croix, Mérigon, Montardit
Saint-Girons	Clermont, Encourtiech, Eycheil, Lescure, Montégut-en-Couserans, Saint-Girons
Saint-Lizier	Betchat, Gajan, Montesquieu-Avantes, Montgauch, Montjoie-en-Couserans, Taurignan-Castet, Taurignan-Vieux
	11 — **Département de l'Aude**
	Arrondissement de Carcassonne
Alzonne	Montolieu
Conques-sur-Orbiel	Limousis, Sallèles-Cabardès
Mas-Cabardes	Lastours, Salsigne, Villardonnel
Mouthoumet	Félines-Termenès, Termes, Vignevieille
Peyriac-Minervois	Caunes-Minervois, Villeneuve-Minervois
Saissac	Fraisse-Cabardès
	Arrondissement de Limoux
Alaigne	Escueillens — Saint-Juste-de-Bellengard, Monthaut, Pomy
Chalabre	Caudeval, Chalabre, Corbières, Courtauly, Gueytes-et-Labastide, Peyrefitte-du-Razes, Sainte-Colombe-sur-l'Hers, Sonnac-sur-l'Hers, Tréziers
Couiza	Coustaussa, Serres
Limoux	La Bezole, Bourigeole, Castelreng, Saint-Couat-du-Razès
Quillan	Ginoles, Granès, Quillan, Saint-Ferriol
Saint-Hilaire	Clermont-sur-Lauquet, Greffeil
	Arrondissement de Narbonne
Tuchan	Cucugnan, Duilhac, Maisons, Montgaillard, Padern, Rouffiac-des-Corbières