Support system for producers of certain arable crops: more flexible penalties (amend. Regul. 1765/92/EEC)

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OBJECTIVE: amending Regulation (EEC) No 1765/92 in order to ensure a proper balance between supply and demand for durum wheat at a reasonable cost by limiting the compensatory aid additional expenditure on durum wheat to a maximum area. SUBSTANCE: the measures envisaged should only be aimed at guaranteeing the appropriate use of areas sown to durum wheat. To ensure this result, the following action is proposed: 1). the fixing of a guaranteed maximum area per producer Member State, to be allocated, if appropriate, between the various traditional production areas eligible for the compensatory amount supplement (ECU/ha 358.6) and the areas eligible for reduced specific aid (ECU/ha 138.9). The determination of these guaranteed maximum areas would be based on aid applications submitted since the introduction of the reform, in the light of the best year for each Member State; 2). making it mandatory to use certified seed (which would be introduced gradually over a period of three years); 3). measures to ensure a level of production corresponding to the areas sown.