Agricultural products: measures for the benefit of Azores and Madeira (amend. Regulation (EEC) No 1600/92)

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PURPOSE : To provide assistance, with regard to the structural funds, for the Azores and Madeira. COMMUNITY MEASURE : Council Regulation 1449/2001/EC amending Regulation 1600/92/EEC concerning specific measures relating to certain agricultural products as regards structural measures. CONTENT : Since the structures of certain agricultural holdings or processing and marketing enterprises in these regions show serious shortcomings, provision is made for derogations from the clauses limiting structural aid in Regulation 1257/1999/EC. - the rate of Community financial contribution for all accompanying measures in the outermost regions, which includes agri-environmental measures, is now 85%. - the total value of the aid referred to in that regulation, expressed as percentage of the volume of eligible investments, will be 75% for investments related to sustainable agriculture on agricultural holdings of small economic size. - the total value of the aid will be 65% for investments in enterprises engaged in processing and marketing agricultural products consisting mainly of local produce. The total value of aid for SMEs will not exceed 75%. - Restrictions on the grant of forestry support will not apply to subtropical forests or wooded areas in the Azores or Madeira.. - The maximum amounts per year eligible for Community aid may be increased up to twofold in the case of the measure to protect lakes in the Azores and the measure to preserve the landscape and traditional features of agricultural land, particularly the conservation of stone walls and supporting terraces in Madeira. ENTRY INTO FORCE : The Regulation applies from 01/01/2000.