Guarantee thresholds for leaf tobacco by group of tobacco varieties for the 1996 and 1997 harvests (regul. 2075/92/EEC)

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The ESC takes the view that the Commission proposal on the guaranteed thresholds for 1996 and 1997 is a step in the right direction, but the delay for the 1996 financial year is now unavoidable. It feels that, if market conditions require revision of the thresholds for 1997, the decision-making procedure will have to be completed by 31 December 1996 to allow quotas to be allocated to producers in good time. The ESC believes that the new Commission proposal on future policy in the tobacco sector (to be submitted before 1 April 1996) will need to tackle the sector as a whole with a view to adapting production to market needs, improving quality and organization, taking account of the role and importance of tobacco-growing for the economy and social fabric of certain EU regions, as well as application of the Community preference.