Marketing of processed lemon-based products for 1996-1997 (derog. Regul. 1035/77/EEC)

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The Committee endorses the extension to the whole citrus sector of the derogation allowing Member States to pay financial compensation directly to the grower. However, the ESC points out that annual extensions are not the best solution. The direct payment mechanism should obviously be made permanent. The Committee also draws the Council's attention to the urgent need for a radical revision of the Community system for the processing of citrus fruit, as experience has shown that processors do not always respect the minimum price and that purchasing contracts, once concluded, are not met in full.