Agricultural products: measures for the benefit of French overseas departments (amend. Regul. 3763/91/EEC)

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On the basis of the Commission's 1992/1993 assessment report on the progress made in implementing the Poseidon programme, on the problems encountered in the implementation of agricultural measures and on the new applications submitted to the Commission by France, this proposal aimed to introduce the necessary changes. The amendments related to the following points: - extending the specific supply system, which was designed to relieve the additional costs engendered by the remoteness and insularity of the French overseas departments, to other products in order to meet the needs of the processing industries which were located in these highly peripheral regions so as to respond to the demands of local consumption; - measures which sought to strengthen the effectiveness of existing provisions for the development of local cattle-breeding and milk-production industries. These measures concerned, firstly, the replacement of aid for the consumption of fresh milk products by aid for production, and, secondly, the introduction of derogations for certain measures which applied to common market organisations affected by the restriction to production; - modifying the system of support for production in the fruit, vegetable and flower growing sectors, which involved replacing aid for production, which did not differentiate between products, by a mechanism designed to promote the local marketing of quality products within the framework of annual marketing contracts; this modification also included support for the processing and marketing of tropical fruit and vegetables which were harvested and processed in the French overseas departments.