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

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OBJECTIVE: The aim of the proposal for a Council Regulation is to make the system of penalties applied when the base area is exceeded more flexible and to introduce the possibility of sub-base areas being created in a national base area. SUBSTANCE: Firstly, the proposal is intended to exempt Member States from financial penalties arising from overshoots that are the consequence of exceptional weather conditions. That measure will apply from the 1995 harvest and concerns overshoots noted in Spain. The cost of this measure for 1996 is ECU 143.6 million. Secondly, the proposal authorizes Member States that opt to create one or more national base areas, possibly subdivided into sub-base areas, to concentrate any penalties partially or entirely on one or more of those sub-base areas, provided that such redistribution does not lead to an overall reduction in the national penalty.