Marketing of processed lemon-based products: 1995/96 and 1996/97 marketing years

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OBJECTIVE: to extend the provisions of Regulation (EC) No 95/1543 both to the 1995/96 marketing year and to lemons. CONTENT: current regulations governing the processing of citrus fruits make provision, within the framework of contracts between producers and processing companies, for processing companies to receive financial compensation, provided that they pay the producer the minimum price. At the time of the price proposals for the 1995/96 marketing year, the Council adopted Regulation No 1543 /95 allowing Member States (who so chose) to pay financial compensation directly to producers in the case of oranges, mandarins and clementines in order to solve the financial problems of the processing companies. Given that these problems still persist, the provisions of Regulation (EC) No 95/1543 need to be extended both the 1995/96 marketing year and to lemons.