Agricultural prices 1998/1999: aid for fibre flax, hemp and flax fibre

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Agricultural Prices 1998/99 - Flax and hemp - Fibre flax: The Commission recalls that, under the 1996/97 price proposal, it was proposed to amend Council Regulation (EEC) 1308/70 on the Common Market Organisation of flax and hemp. This proposal provides for the application of a Maximum Guaranteed Area for fibre flax and the introduction of a reduced aid where harvesting is done other than by the traditional method of pulling the whole plant. The Council should have decided before the end of 1996 on this proposal, which the Commission still considers necessary. Whilst awaiting future developments in this matter, the Commission proposes, for the 1998/99 marketing year, the same level of aid per ha, that is to say ECU 815,86. As, like last year, the reserve fund for financing promotional measures exceeds the needs of the 1998/99 marketing year, the Commission again proposes to fix the amount at 0 ECU per ha. - Hemp: While awaiting Commission proposals, and in view of the continuing significant expansion of the areas sown, the Commission proposes a reduction of the level of the aid per ha of 25%. The proposed level of aid is therefore ECU 537.47/ha.