

Flax and hemp: common organisation of the markets CMO (amend. Regulation (EEC) No 1308/70)

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PURPOSE : Proposal on the common organisation of the market in flax and hemp grown for fibre.

CONTENT : The proposal concerns aid for the processing of fibre. - Granting of the aid is made subject to certain conditions, in particular the authorisation of primary processors and the requirement that such processors purchase the straw under contract. - In view of the differences between the market for long flat fibre and the market for short flax fibre and the market for hemp fibre, the aid is differentiated according to which of the two types of fibre is obtained. - A maximum guaranteed quantity of 75500 tonnes per marketing year is established for long flax fibre and a maximum guaranteed quantity of 119250 for short flax fibre. - To enable Member States to make adjustments between quantities, conditions are laid down governing transfers between the two national guaranteed quantities allocated to each. - Quantitative restrictions and taxes will not be required in the regime governing third countries. Licences will be issued if certain conditions are met.