Finland: list of less-favoured farming areas within the meaning of Directive 75/268/EEC

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- OBJECTIVE: to present a list of disadvantaged agricultural zones in Finland which, according to Article 2 of Directive 75/268/EEC, are to be included in the Community list of disadvantaged agricultural zones. - COMMUNITY MEASURE: Council Directive 95/412/EC on the list of disadvantaged agricultural zones as defined by Directive 75/268/EEC (Finland). - SUBSTANCE: According to Declaration No 37 of the Act of Accession of Finland to the European Union, the listed zones are defined in accordance with the acquis and, in the case of Finland, taking account of the northern latitude as a permanent natural handicap affecting that country's agricultural production. The Finnish Government has put forward a list of communes (Kunta-Kommun) based on these different criteria. These communes are listed in the Annex to the directive and are to be included on the Community list of disadvantaged zones. The areas in question comply with the specifications laid down in Article 3(3, 4 and 5) of Directive 75/268/EEC, namely: - mountainous zones, insofar as the difficult climatic conditions caused by their northern latitude result in a much shorter vegetation period (Article 3(3)); - zones which are disadvantaged from an agricultural point of view and characterized by poor soil productivity and low agricultural revenues (Article 3(4)); - disadvantaged zones which have specific handicaps (small area, hilly ground, poor hydrographic situation, coastal or lake-based islands, frontier zones, etc.) and where agriculture has to be supported in order to maintain the natural environment (Article 3 (5)). The application of these indices results in an 85% coverage of the country's agricultural land. Zones having specific handicaps do not exceed 4% of Finland's land surface. The amount of Community expenditure on compensation payments to farmers operating in these zones shall be considered within the overall sum provided for Objectives 5a and 6 of the Structural Funds. - ENTRY INTO FORCE: 25.09.1995