Nut sector: quality and marketing improvement plans (Regulation (EEC) No 1035/72), specific aid for hazelnuts

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PURPOSE : to extend the financing of quality and marketing improvement plans for certain nuts and locust beans. COMMUNITY MEASURE : Council Regulation 545/2002/EC extending the financing of quality and marketing improvement plans for certain nuts and locust beans approved under Title IIa of Regulation 1035/72/EEC and providing for a specific aid for hazelnuts. CONTENT : the Council adopted, by a qualified majority with the Swedish delegation abstaining, a Regulation extending the financing of quality and marketing improvement plans for certain nuts and locust beans along with a joint Council and Commission statement and a statement by the Portuguese delegation, both entered in the minutes. The Regulation: - allows producer organisations whose plans expire in 2001 to apply for continued financing of nut crops for a maximum of one year; such aid must not exceed EUR 241 per hectare and must concern areas already receiving aid under the last year of the plan, with a 75% ceiling set for the Community contribution; - provides for the granting of specific aid for hazelnuts of EUR 15 per 100 kg, for a period of one marketing year, to producer organisations not benefiting from the first measure. ENTRY INTO FORCE : 31/03/2002.