Improvement of the Community production of peaches and nectarines

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In adopting the report by Mr MARTIN, Parliament approved the proposal for a regulation with the following amendments: - for the premium to be granted, grubbing-up must take place before 30.04.1996 and on condition that the entire orchard is grubbed-up if its surface area is less than one hectare. If the orchard is more than one hectare in area, only part of it (or if necessary all of it) has to be grubbed-up (but the area grubbed-up must correspond to one hectare at least); - the orchard must be composed of 250 trees per hectare (and not 300) and the trees must not necessarily be 15 years old. In the case of partial grubbing-up, those plots which have already been entitled to grants will no longer be eligible for this premium; - producers will not be required to give up planting apple trees other than cider-apple trees; - the Commission will lay down the conditions of eligibility for this premium, which must take effect by way of an actual reduction in the production of peaches and nectarines; - the measures provided for by this regulation must become a full part of the next reform of the COM for fruit and vegetables and an extension of one year might be considered if the objectives for grubbing-up are not realized in certain Member States, particularly due to administrative difficulties; - the Commission's inspection programme is strengthened.