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Agricultural prices and related measures 1997/1998 - Wine. The Council adopted Regulation (EC) No 1417/97 which maintains the guide prices and, as a precaution, extends a number of measures due to expire in 1997 by a further year, as proposed by the Commission. It should also be noted that: - the Council welcomed the Commission's recent proposal concerning a permanent derogation with regard to deacidification. If this proposal is not accepted by the Council by 1 September 1997, the derogation will be extended by one year; - the validity of existing re-planting rights will be extended until 1 January 1999; - Member States may authorize the planting of mother plantations of slips from vines; - Austria will be allowed to withdraw from the wine-making by-products market; - the Council took note of the Commission's intention to authorize the grubbing up of 1000 rather than 50 hectares in Germany; - the derogation relating to the level of acidity granted to Spain and Portugal until 31 August 1998 will also apply to France and Italy.