3. The non-governmental organizations must meet the following criteria:

(a) they must have a status which is characteristic of this type of organization;

(b) they must have their headquarters in a Member State of the Community or, in exceptional cases, in a non-member country;

(c) they must demonstrate their capacity to implement successfully the type of operation covered by this Regulation.

Article 2

1. The Community contribution may cover the purchase in the Community or in developing or other non-member countries of food products or seeds and the cost of transporting them to their destination.

2. The amount of the Community contribution towards the purchase and transport of food products or seeds shall be a minimum of 25 % and a maximum of 75 % of the total cost of the operation.

Article 3

Decisions granting a contribution towards the purchase of food products or seeds by non-governmental organizations or international bodies shall be taken by the Commission after consulting the Committee set up by Article 7 of Regulation (EEC) No 3972/86 and in accordance with the procedure referred to in Article 8 (2) of that Regulation.

The said Committee may examine any other matter concerning the implementation of the operations which is raised by its chairman either on his own initiative or at the request of a Member State representative.

Article 4

Decisions granting contributions for emergency aid or aid amounting to 500 000 ECU or less shall be taken by the Commission, which shall inform the Member States.

Article 5

1. Decisions determining the conditions governing the use of such contributions shall be taken by the Commission.

2. Aid shall be granted only to recipients who undertake to comply with the implementing conditions notified to them by the Commission.

Article 6

The Commission may authorize an agent to conclude purchase contracts on its behalf.

Article 7

The European Parliament and the Council shall be informed of decisions taken in accordance with Articles 3 and 4 as soon as they are adopted.

Article 8

The Commission shall take all measures necessary for the proper performance of the operations provided for under this Regulation.

The Member States shall assist the Commission in this respect, in particular by supplying all necessary information.

Article 9

This Regulation shall enter into force on the third day following its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Communities.*

This Regulation shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in all Member States.

Proposal for a Council Directive amending Directive 75/275/EEC concerning the Community list of less-favoured farming areas within the meaning of Directive 75/268/EEC (Netherlands)

COM(88) 37 final

(Submitted by the Commission to the Council on 14 April 1988)

(88/C 109/06)

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,

Having regard to Council Directive 75/268/EEC of 28 April 1975 on mountain and hill farming and farming in certain less-favoured areas (1), as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 797/85 (2), and in particular Article 2 (2) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Having regard to the opinion of the European Parliament,

(1) OJ No L 128, 19. 5. 1975, p. 1.
(2) OJ No L 93, 30. 3. 1985, p. 1.

Whereas Council Directive 75/275/EEC (1), as last amended by Commission Decision 87/462/EEC (2), specifies the areas in the Netherlands which appear in the Community list of less-favoured areas within the meaning of Article 3 (5) of Directive 75/268/EEC;

Whereas the Netherlands Government has requested, pursuant to Article 2 (1) of Directive 75/268/EEC, that the Community list of the areas in question, as set out in the Annex to Directive 75/275/EEC, be amended as set out in the Annex to this Directive;

Whereas the new areas in the list comply with the criteria and the figures applied pursuant to Directive 75/275/EEC for the purposes of determining the areas concerned within the meaning of Article 3 (5) of Directive 75/268/EEC;

Whereas, moreover, the aggregate total area concerned does not exceed 4 % of the entire area of the Netherlands,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DIRECTIVE:

Article 1

The list of less-favoured areas in the Netherlands which is set out in the Annex to Directive 72/275/EEC is hereby replaced by that shown in the Annex hereto.

Article 2

This Directive is addressed to the Kingdom of the Netherlands.

(1) OJ No L 128, 19. 5. 1975, p. 229.
(2) OJ No L 252, 3. 9. 1987, p. 21.

ANNEX

Less-favoured areas within the meaning of Article 3 (5) of Directive 75/268/EEC

Province	Number of areas	Area (ha)
Groningen	9	3 255
Friesland	20	6 617
Drenthe	12	4 700
Overijssel	21	7 071
Gelderland	17	3 050
Utrecht	8	2 335
Noord-Holland	11	6 145
Zuid-Holland	11	4 057
Zeeland	12	1 227
Noord-Brabant	14	4 863
Limburg	4	4 897
Total	139	48 217