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(Preparatory Acts)

COMMISSION

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)

(92/C 260/12)

COM(92) 384 final

(Submitted by the Commission on 14 September 1992)

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,

Having regard to Council Decision 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 No 2328/91 (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,

Whereas Council Directive 75/275/EEC (3), as last amended by Commission Decision 88/403/EEC (4), 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, an amendment to the list annexed to Directive 75/275/EEC in accordance with the Annex to this Directive;

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

Whereas, for the definition of the areas affected by specific handicaps referred to in Article 3 (5) of Directive 75/268/EEC, the criteria for island areas were the existence of unfavourable natural conditions (high winds, excessive local salinity, low potential and poor drainage) and constraints arising from the need to preserve landscapes and maintain the rural environment and the tourist nature of the area in question;

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

HAS ADOPTED THIS DIRECTIVE:

Article 1

The Annex to Directive 75/275/EEC is hereby replaced by the Annex attached hereto.

Article 2

This Directive is addressed to the Kingdom of the Netherlands.

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(1) OJ No L 128, 19. 5. 1975, p. 1.
(2) OJ No L 218, 6. 8. 1991, p. 1.
(3) OJ No L 273, 24. 9. 1986, p. 104.
(4) OJ No L 195, 23. 7. 1988, p. 72.

ANNEX

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

Province	No of areas	Area (UAA)
Groningen	13	3 883
Friesland	39	18 901
Drenthe	21	6 810
Overijssel	30	11 534
Gelderland	32	25 353
Flevoland	—	—
Utrecht	23	5 983
Noord-Holland	24	9 253
Zuid-Holland	20	9 154
Zeeland	16	2 484
Noord-Brabant	23	9 367
Limburg	11	8 193
Total	252	110 915

Amended proposal for a Council Directive amending Annex II to Directive 79/409/EEC on the conservation of wild birds

(92/C 260/13)

COM(92) 398 final

(Submitted by the Commission pursuant to Article 149 (3) of the EEC Treaty on 15 September 1992)

ORIGINAL PROPOSAL	AMENDED PROPOSAL
	Recital 4a
	(new)
	Whereas the species *Limosa limosa, Limosa lapponica* and *Numenius arquata* should be removed from Annex II/2 in respect of Italy in order to protect the globally endangered species *Numenius tenuirostis*, with which, in their habits as much as their appearance, they have such similarities that there are exceptional risks of confusion;
	Annex II/2 point 52
52. *Limosa limosa*	Deleted (for Italy only)
	Annex II/2 point 53
53. *Limosa lapponica*	Deleted (for Italy only)