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## LEGISLATIVE TRANSPARENCY

#### STATEMENTS WHICH MAY BE RELEASED TO THE PUBLIC JANUARY 1998

The present document contains an Annex listing the definitive legislative acts adopted by the Council in January 1998, together with statements in the minutes which the Council has decided may be released to the public.

It should be noted that only the minutes concerning the definitive adoption of legislative acts are authentic. Extracts from the minutes in question may be released to the public in the same way as the statements in the minutes under the conditions laid down in the Code of Conduct of 2 October 1995.

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# STATEMENTS IN THE MINUTES WHICH MAY BE RELEASED TO THE PUBLIC - JANUARY 1998 -

DEFINITIVE LEGISLATIVE ACTS	TEXTS ADOPTED	STATEMENTS	VOT ES
2065th Council meeting – Agriculture – on 20 January 1998			
Council Regulation amending Regulation (EEC) No 1442/88 on the granting, for the 1988/1989 to 1997/1998 wine years, of permanent abandonment premiums in respect of wine-growing areas  Council Regulation amending Regulation (EC) No 3072/95 on the common organization of the market in rice and Regulation (EEC) No 2358/71 on the common organization of the market in seeds  Council Regulation amending Regulation (EEC) No 1323/90 instituting specific aid for sheep and goat farming in certain less-favoured areas of the Community	10713/97 + COR 1 + COR 2 (fin) 11400/97 + COR 1 (s) + COR 2 (fin)	1/98	
Council Directive on the list of less-favoured farming areas within the meaning of Regulation (EC) No 950/97 (Denmark)	5193/98		
Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on consumer protection in the indication of the prices of products offered to consumers (1)	5292/98		
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<sup>(1)</sup> The Council adopted this Directive at its 2063rd meeting (Fisheries) on 18 and 19 December 1997 (see 5096/1/98 REV 1, page 7, Annex I).

# STATEMENT 1/98

"The German delegation considers that, under the arrangements for granting abandonment premiums in respect of wine-growing areas, the minimum area should in future be reduced from 25 ares to 10 ares."		

## **STATEMENT 2/98**

Statement by the Netherlands and German delegations

Re Article 2(b) and the last sentence of Article 3(1)

"In the Netherlands' interpretation and that of Germany, and taking into account also the Commission statement on this subject, it follows from Article 2(b) and the last sentence of Article 3(1) that the Member States are competent to decide that the obligation to mention the price per unit of measurement is not applicable to products sold by the piece or by unit."