

Agricultural products: measures for the benefit of Azores and Madeira for milk and milk products

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To find a solution to the problems in the milk sector in the Azores and Madeira and create conditions conducive to the restructuring of the sector in that region, where agricultural activity is highly dependent on milk production, and in view of that dependence, which in combination with other handicaps linked to its extreme remoteness is detrimental to its economic development, the Commission proposes this proposal to introduce specific measures for certain agricultural products for the Azores and Madeira. Based on the figures currently available, this measure, strictly limited to the Azores, will involve a maximum of 73 000 tonnes of milk, i.e. 3.86% of the Portuguese quota. The Commission is presenting this draft provision to resolve the above problem within the framework of the proposal for a Council Regulation introducing specific measures for certain agricultural products for the Azores and Madeira in the form of an amended proposal. The Council is requested to examine this together with the original proposal.