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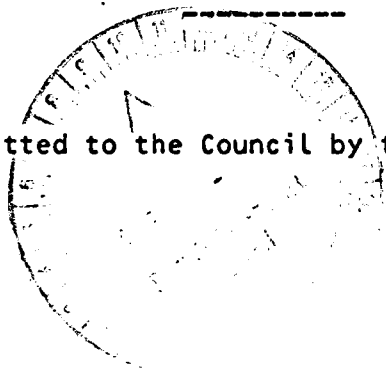
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Brussels, 9 March 1981

Proposal for a
COUNCIL REGULATION (EEC)

fixing for the 1981/82 marketing year the guide price for
unginned cotton and the quantity of cotton for which aid
may be granted without reduction

(submitted to the Council by the Commission)



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EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

1. Protocol 4 on cotton in the Act of Accession of Greece provides for the fixing each year of a guide price for cotton that has not been ginned (paragraph 8) and of the quantity produced for which aid will be granted (paragraph 9).
The purpose of the present proposal is to fix the guide price and this quantity of unginned cotton for the 1981/82 marketing year.
As stated in the explanatory memorandum to the prices and aid package (Doc. COM 81, p. 42), it is for purely technical reasons that this proposal has not been presented along with the other Commission proposals to the Council on agricultural prices and aid for 1981/82.
2. On the basis of the criteria laid down in Protocol 4 the Commission proposes a guide price for unginned cotton of 73,50 ECU per 100 kg. This price is based on the price guaranteed to Greek producers in 1980/81⁽¹⁾ (99 % of Community production is in Greece)
The proposed price should assure producers an income some 10 % higher than their guaranteed income under the national provisions in force during the previous marketing year. Producers will probably not receive the guide price but a lower figure, on account of transport costs and market fluctuations.
A 10 % increase in the producer price is justified in view of the increase proposed for alternative crops which compete with cotton.
3. Under the criteria laid down in paragraph 3 of the Protocol the quantity to which a reduction coefficient does not apply must lie between 323 000 and 567 000 tonnes.
It should be noted that :
(a) as sowing for 1981/82 will under normal conditions be done before this proposal is adopted by the Council it is appropriate to take account of the fact that the producers have announced intended sowings of 165 000 hectares, this being an acceptable figure;

(1) Minimum prices in Greece :	1978	Dra 25,5 per kg
	1979	Dra 30,0 per kg
	1980	Dra 38,0 per kg = 63,63 ECU/100 kg

(b) a yield of 2 600 kg of unginned cotton per hectare is a reasonable average for Greece if one overlooks abnormally suitable or unsuitable conditions for vegetation.

(c) account has to be taken of normal variations in yield per hectare and consequently of production.

It is proposed in these circumstances to fix the quantity at 460 000 tonnes.

4. Financial aspects.

Appropriations amounting to 33.32 million ECU are entered in Article 736 (EAGGF, Guarantee) of the 1981 budget to finance aid for production of unginned cotton. However, no general rules for financing this aid have yet been adopted. They are to be laid down together with the general rules for the aid system provided for in paragraph 9 of the Protocol.

ANNEX

Community production of unginned cotton

	<u>Greece</u>		<u>Italy</u> ⁽²⁾		<u>EEC</u>	
	Ha	Production(t)	Ha	Production(t)	Ha	Production(t)
1978	168 000	451 000	2 182	2 767	170 182	453 769
1979	137 500	320 000	2 770	3 266	140 270	323 266
1980	143 000	360 000	2 940	3 538	145 950	363 538
Ø	149 500	377 000	2 297	3 191	152 134	380 191

(2) Commission estimate arrived by applying a coefficient of 3.125 (estimated yield of 32 %) to actual fibre production at 886, 1 045 and 1 132 t respectively.

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THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,

Having regard to the Act of Accession of Greece , and in particular paragraphs 8 and 9 of Protocol 4 on cotton,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Having regard to the opinion of the European Parliament⁽²⁾,

Having regard to the opinion of the Economic and Social Committee⁽³⁾,

Whereas paragraph 8 of Protocol 4 states that the guide price for cotton that has not been ginned is to be fixed annually by reference to the criteria laid down in paragraphs 2 and 3 of that Protocol, and paragraph 9 of Protocol No 4 states that the quantity of cotton for which aid shall be granted is to be fixed annually by reference to the criteria laid down in paragraph 3 of the Protocol;

Whereas reference to these criteria gives the guide price and quantity of cotton indicated below,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION :

(2) OJ No C

(3) OJ No C

Article 1

1. For the 1981/82 marketing year the guide price for unginced cotton shall be 73.50 ECU/100 kg.
2. The price referred to in paragraph 1 shall be for cotton:
 - with a moisture content of 14 % and of extraneous matter 3 %;
 - with the characteristics required to yield ginned cotton with a fibre length of 28 mm and meeting International Standard No 5.

Article 2

1. For the 1981/82 marketing year the quantity of cotton referred to in the third sub-paragraph of paragraph 3 of Protocol 4 shall be 460 000 tonnes.
2. The quantity of cotton referred to in paragraph 1 shall be unginced cotton of the quality indicated in Article 1(2).

Article 3

This Regulation shall enter into force on the day of 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.

Done at

For the Council

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Date : 16.2.1981

1. BUDGET HEADING : 736 APPROPRIATIONS : 33,32 MECU

2. TITLE : Proposal for Council Regulation fixing for the 1981/82 marketing year, the guide price for unginned cotton and the quantity of cotton for which aid may be granted without reduction.

3. LEGAL BASIS : Protocol No 4 of the Act of Accession of Greece.

4. AIMS OF PROJECT : To fix the guide price and the quantity of cotton for which aid may be granted without reduction.

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS	PERIOD OF 12 MONTHS	CURRENT FINANCIAL YEAR (81)	FOLLOWING FINANCIAL YEAR (82)
5.0 EXPENDITURE			
- CHARGED TO THE EC BUDGET (ECU INTERVENTIONS)	47,2 Mio ECU	28,3 Mio ECU	18,9 Mio ECU
- NATIONAL ADMINISTRATION			
- OTHER			
5.1 RECEIPTS			
- OWN RESOURCES OF THE EC (LEVIES/CUSTOMS DUTIES)			
- NATIONAL			

5.0.1 ESTIMATED EXPENDITURE			
5.1.1 ESTIMATED RECEIPTS			

5.2 METHOD OF CALCULATION

- 165 000 ha x average yield of 2 600 kg/ha = 429 000 t
- Difference between guide price and world market price : 110 ECU/t
- Payment of aid as follows : 3/5 in 1981
rest in 1982

6.0 CAN THE PROJECT BE FINANCED FROM APPROPRIATIONS ENTERED IN THE RELEVANT CHAPTER OF THE CURRENT BUDGET ? YES

6.1 ~~ARE THERE ANY OTHER FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS OF THE PROJECT?~~

6.2 ~~ARE THERE ANY OTHER FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS OF THE PROJECT?~~

6.3 WILL FUTURE BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS BE NECESSARY ? YES

OBSERVATIONS : The financial provisions laid down in paragraph 9(d) of the Protocol No 4 are not adopted at the very moment of the proposal of this financial statement.