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COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

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Proposal for a
COUNCIL REGULATION (EEC)
amending Regulation (EEC) No 482/82 providing for special aid for raw
tobacco following the earthquake in Italy in November 1980 and
derogating from Article 12a of Regulation (EEC) No 727/70

(submitted to the Council by the Commission)



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EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

1. Regulation (EEC) No 482/82 provided for special aid for individual or associated tobacco growers whose premises or tobacco-handling installations were damaged as a result of the earthquake which occurred in Italy in November 1980. The aid per kg is 1 ECU for growers whose premises or tobacco-handling installations have been destroyed, 0,70 ECU for those whose premises have been damaged and 0,30 ECU for undertakings engaged in the first processing and market preparation of tobacco which collected tobacco from growers affected by the earthquake. In accordance with the first paragraph of Article 4 of the Regulation the special aid is financed by the Community budget under the heading of aid to people in the Community who become victims of natural disasters for an amount of 20,3 million ECU. The latter amount was fixed on the basis of statistical information provided at the time by the Italian authorities. In addition, steps were taken to ensure that this amount covered by Chapter 69 of the budget of the Communities for 1982 was carried forward to the 1983 financial year.
2. In November 1982 the Commission was informed by the Italian Government that almost 33.000 applications for special aid had been received and that a budget appropriation of around 64 million ECU would be needed to meet each of the applications.
3. In order to enable the Italian authorities to satisfy on the best terms the applications submitted for special aid, the Commission proposes increasing by 20 million ECU the amount originally provided for which will thus be raised to 40,3 million ECU, and at the same time specifying that any expenditure in excess of this amount will be borne by the Italian Republic.
4. In view of the large number of applications for special aid and of the time required to examine each of them in order to ensure that they are in order, it is proposed that the payment of special aid be completed by 30 June 1984 at the latest.
5. The cost of the measure, i.e. 20 million ECU, is included in the overall financial implications of the Council Decisions of 16 May 1983 (agricultural prices and related measures). The Commission will propose in its supplementary budget for 1983 an increase in the appropriations for Chapter 69.
6. It is understood that the appropriation of 20,3 million ECU carried forward to the 1982 financial year must, under penalty of revocation, be spent before 32 December 1983.

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THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community, and
in particular Articles 43 and 235 thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission (1),

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

Whereas, as a result of the earthquake in Italy in November 1980, provision
was made in Council Regulation (EEC) No 482/82 (4) for
special aid for tobacco growers whose production facilities were impaired and
for undertakings engaged in the first processing and market preparation of
tobacco who collected tobacco from growers; whereas Community financing under
the heading of aid to people in the Community who become victims of natural
disasters was limited to 20,3 million ECU;

Whereas on account of the seriousness of the damage caused by the earthquake
which affected a region with a very high tobacco output, the number of
applications for special aid was much greater than was originally expected on
the basis of information supplied at the time; whereas, in those
circumstances, the Community funds were quite inadequate; whereas that
financing should therefore be adjusted to ensure the effectiveness of the
above-mentioned measures;

(1)

(2)

(3)

(4) O J L 58, 2.3.1982, p. 1.

Whereas it should be specified that any expenditure in excess of the Community financing shall be borne by the Member States;

Whereas Article 5 of Regulation (EEC) No 482/82 provides that the special aid shall be paid to recipients within two months of its being applied for; whereas the checks which must be carried out in respect of each application for special aid have prevented the deadline for payment laid down in Article 5 from being observed; whereas the deadline should therefore be prolonged sufficiently to enable applications for special aid to be examined.

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION :

Article 1

Regulation (EEC) No 482/82 is hereby amended as follows:

1. The first paragraph of Article 4 is replaced by the following:

"Community financing of the measures referred to in Articles 2 and 3 shall be covered by the Community budget under the heading of "Aid to people in the Community who become victims of natural disasters" of an amount estimated to be 40.3 MECU. Any expenditure in excess of the amount entered in the Community budget incurred in respect of the above-mentioned measures shall be borne by the Italian Republic."

2. Article 5 is replaced by the following:

"Article 5

The Italian Republic shall pay the aid referred to in Articles 2 and 3 by 30 June 1984 at the latest.

For payment of this aid the corresponding value of the ECU in national currency shall be that obtaining on the day on which this Regulation enters into force".

Article 2

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 Brussels

For the Council