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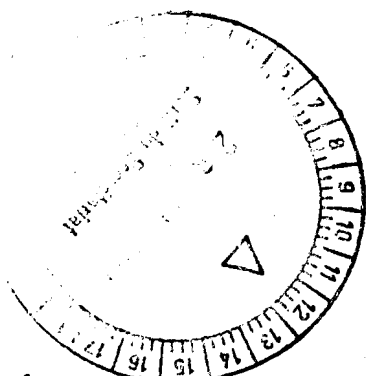
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COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES



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Brussels, 19 July 1982

Proposal for a Directive amending Directive 75/268/EEC on mountain
and hill farming and farming in certain less-favoured areas

Proposal for a Council Regulation amending Regulation (EEC) No 355/77
on common measures to improve the conditions under which agricultural
products are processed and marketed

(submitted to the Council by the Commission)

COM(82) 440 final.

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

1. The agricultural situation in the Greek regions is largely comparable with that in other regions of the Community which qualify for special conditions as regards Community financial help. The special conditions should therefore be made available for Greece as well, as regards certain measures indispensable for the country's agricultural development. This involves amending the conditions of application, including the rate of the EAGGF contribution, of Directive 75/268/EEC on mountain and hill farming and farming in certain less-favoured areas and Regulation (EEC) No 355/77 on common measures to improve the conditions under which agricultural products are processed and marketed.

2. Special conditions for application of Directive 75/268/EEC in Greece

In view of the large number of very small holdings in Greece's less-favoured areas, the objectives in view require, first of all, that the minimum area of a holding, for it to qualify for the compensatory allowance, be reduced from three to two hectares. The Council has already agreed to this for the Mezzogiorno and for the French Overseas Departments. (1)

In addition, the inadequate financial resources available in Greece may mean that full use is not made of the opportunities offered by the Directive as regards investment aid for ^{farms} with development plans, the compensatory allowance and aid to joint investments in fodder production and grazing land.

In order to enable Greece to fix these aids at an appropriate level, it should be proposed that the Community contribution be increased from 25 % to 50 %.

(1) Council Directive 80/666/EEC of 24 June 1980 amending Directive 75/268/EEC on mountain and hill farming and farming in certain less-favoured areas.

3. Special conditions for application of Regulation (EEC) No 355/77 in Greece.

In certain parts of Greece further development and rationalisation of the arrangements for the processing and marketing of agricultural produce are badly needed. Progress in this area is therefore of vital interest for the agricultural economy and indeed the general economy of these regions, where farming still plays a very important role.

Throughout Greece, except in Greater Athens, a very high proportion of the labour force works on the land, a situation which hampers any improvement of farm structures, while facilities for processing and marketing agricultural produce are quite inadequate.

Expansion and rationalisation of these facilities should bring substantial benefits to all sectors from the farmer to the consumer : efficient processing and marketing structures would not only allow outlets for agriculture to be expanded and rationalized but would also enable production to be guided. Inefficient marketing and processing structures would tend to neutralize the production guidance effects sought by certain measures adopted under policy on structures and in particular by "common measures" adopted for these regions, for they would be bound to inhibit production as well.

However, no scheme to rationalize and develop economic activity in these regions can succeed unless certain local characteristics are taken into account. In particular the lack of dynamism and difficulties in financing discourage the launching of worthwhile projects. The Commission therefore considers that these regions must qualify for the same incentives as those laid down for the Italian Mezzogiorno by Regulation (EEC) No 355/77 on common measures to improve the conditions under which agricultural products are processed and marketed (1), as amended by Regulation (EEC) No 1361/78 (2).

(1) OJ L 51, 23.2.1977

(2) OJ L 166, 23.6.1978

4. Financial implications

The extra cost in applying Directive 75/268/EEC over the five-year period 1980-84 is estimated at 61 million ECU, and for Regulation (EEC) No 355/77 at 32 million ECU. The Council's decision to cease financing veterinary measures under the EAGGF from 1983 leaves a sum of 99 million ECU unused in the current balance of the total 5-year EAGGF Guidance Section appropriation. The likely financial implications of these proposals should not therefore give rise to any major problems of exceeding the current ceiling.

For information, the amount of EAGGF Guidance Section appropriations so far drawn down is annexed.

Proposal for a Directive amending Directive 75/268/EEC on mountain and hill farming and farming in certain less-favoured areas.

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community, and in particular Articles 42 and 43 thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Having regard to the opinion of the European Parliament,

Whereas in the Regions of Greece the minimum of three hectares for the utilized agricultural area of farms qualifying for the compensatory allowance provided for in Title II of Council Directive 75/268/EEC (1), as last amended by Directive 80/666/EEC (2), is too high in view of the large number of very small holdings; whereas the minimum should be reduced to two hectares;

Whereas in the less-favoured agricultural areas of the Regions of Greece within the meaning of Directive 75/268/EEC the rate of reimbursement of 25 % of eligible expenditure in respect of incentives for farmers who submit a development plan, provided for in Article 15 of the Directive, does not appear sufficient for effective application of the measures for the modernization of farms provided for in Council Directive 72/159/EEC(3); whereas the rate should therefore be fixed at 50%;

Whereas the measures provided for in Article 11 of Directive 75/268/EEC are of particular importance in the regions of Greece; whereas the rate of reimbursement of relevant expenditure does not appear sufficient to permit application of those measures; whereas the rate of reimbursement should therefore be fixed at 50 % and the maximum Community contribution at 48 358 ECU per joint investment scheme and 242 ECU per hectare of pasture or mountain grazing land improved or provided with equipment;

(1) OJ No L 128, 19.5.1975, p. 1

(2) OJ No L 180, 14.7.1980, p. 34

(3) OJ No L 96, 23.4.1972, p. 1

Whereas in Greece the rate of reimbursement of 25 % of eligible expenditure in respect of the compensatory allowance, provided for in Article 15 of Directive 75/268/EEC, does not appear sufficient to permit effective application of that measure; whereas the rate should therefore be fixed at 50 %,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DIRECTIVE :

Article 1

Directive 75/268/EEC is hereby amended as follows :

1. The second subparagraph of Article 6(1) is replaced by the following:

"However, in the Mezzogiorno, including the islands, in the overseas departments and in the regions of Greece the minimum utilized agricultural area per holding shall be two hectares."

2. The last subparagraph of Article 7(1)(a) is replaced by the following :

"The foregoing two subparagraphs do not apply in the hill areas of Italy and Greece which form part of the areas referred to in Article 3(4) and (5)."

3. The second subparagraph of Article 15(1) is replaced by the following:

"In the Mezzogiorno, including the islands, in the Western region of Ireland and in the regions of Greece the rate of reimbursement for expenditure incurred in respect of measures taken under Articles 8(2) and 10 of Directive 72/159/EEC, as supplemented by Article 9 of this Directive, shall be 50 %.

In the Mezzogiorno, including the islands and in the regions of Greece, the rate of reimbursement for expenditure in respect of measures taken under Article 11 shall be 50 %."

4. The second subparagraph of Article 15(2) is replaced by the following:

"In the Mezzogiorno, including the islands, and in the regions of Greece the Community contribution to eligible expenditure in respect of the aid provided for in Article 11 may not exceed 48.358 ECU per joint investment scheme and 242 ECU per hectare of pasture or mountain grazing land improved or provided with equipment."

5. The second subparagraph of Article 15(3) is replaced by the following:

"In Italy, Ireland and the regions of Greece the rate of reimbursement shall be 50 %."

Article 2

The amendments provided for in Article 1(1) shall take effect from 1 January 1982.

Article 3

This Directive is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels,

For the Council,

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Date : 14.06.82

1. BUDGET HEADING : Articles 410 (Preliminary draft and 420 Budget 1983) APPROPRIATIONS CA/PA : 137/136 million ECU
CA/AP : 180 million ECU

2. TITLE : Proposal for a Directive amending Council Directive 75/268/EEC on mountain and hill farming and farming in certain less-favoured areas.

3. LEGAL BASIS : Article 6 of Regulation (EEC) n0 729/70

4. AIMS OF PROJECT : To extend to Greece the same conditions ad regards access and reimbursement as apply to Italy under Directive 75/268/EEC

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS	PERIOD OF 12 MONTHS	CURRENT FINANCIAL YEAR (82)	FOLLOWING FINANCIAL YEAR (83)
5.0 EXPENDITURE			
- CHARGED TO THE EC BUDGET (REFUNDS/INTERVENTIONS)		-	+ 27
- NATIONAL ADMINISTRATION		- 20	- 25
- OTHER			
5.1 RECEIPTS			
- OWN RESOURCES OF THE EC (LEVIES/CUSTOMS DUTIES)			
- NATIONAL			
	1984	1985	1986
5.0.1 ESTIMATED EXPENDITURE	34	40	39
5.1.1 ESTIMATED RECEIPTS	-	-	-

5.2 METHOD OF CALCULATION See annex

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

6.1 CAN THE PROJECT BE FINANCED BY TRANSFER BETWEEN CHAPTERS OF THE CURRENT BUDGET ? XXXXX

6.2 IS A SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET NECESSARY ? XXNO

6.3 WILL FUTURE BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS BE NECESSARY ? YES/XXX

OBSERVATIONS :

See annex

A N N E X

I. Method of calculation

1. Reducing the minimum area eligible for the compensatory allowance should increase the overall cost of allowances by 8 %.
2. The expenditure to be financed under Article 410 of the budget depends on the plans approved in 1982 and 1983 because Directive 72/159/EEC has been extended only until the end of 1983. Expenditure to be financed under Article 420, however, has no time-limit.
3. The estimated cost of the measures resulting from the application of Directive 75/268/EEC under present circumstances, compared with the cost after the proposed amendment, is as follows :

		in million ECU					
		<u>1982</u>	<u>1983</u>	<u>1984</u>	<u>1985</u>	<u>1986</u>	<u>1987</u>
(i) <u>Total cost</u>							
before amendment	: Art. 410	-	8	7	6	5	
	Art. 420	<u>93</u>	<u>111</u>	<u>130</u>	<u>130</u>	<u>130</u>	
	Total	93	119	137	136	135	
after amendment	: Art. 410	-	8	7	6	5	
	Art. 420	<u>100</u>	<u>120</u>	<u>140</u>	<u>140</u>	<u>140</u>	
	Total	100	128	147	146	145	
(ii) <u>Cost to Greece</u>							
Before (75 %)		70	89	103	102	101	
After (50 %)		<u>50</u>	<u>64</u>	<u>74</u>	<u>73</u>	<u>73</u>	
Difference		- 20	- 25	- 29	- 29	- 28	
(iii) <u>Cost to EAGGF</u>							
Before (25 %)			23	30	34	34	34
After (50 %)			<u>50</u>	<u>64</u>	<u>74</u>	<u>73</u>	<u>73</u>
Difference			+ 27	+ 34	+ 40	+ 39	+ 39

Proposal for a Council Regulation amending Regulation (EEC) No 355/77 on common measures to improve the conditions under which agricultural products are processed and marketed.

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,
and in particular Articles 42 and 43 thereof,

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

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

Whereas the marketing and processing of agricultural products are inadequately developed and often inefficient in all areas of the Hellenic Republic, with the exception of Greater Athens; whereas the development of these activities and the improvement of the conditions under which they are carried on is of vital importance to the agricultural economy and indeed to the general economy of these regions, in which agriculture is a basic activity; whereas such an improvement would serve not only to increase and rationalize outlets for agriculture but would also play an important part in directing and adjusting agricultural production in line with market requirements; whereas it would thus facilitate attainment of the objectives of the other common measures peculiar to the regions under consideration;

Whereas, in particular on account of the slow development of the economy in general and the difficulties of a financial nature, economic measures relating to the processing and marketing of agricultural products can be stimulated in these regions of the Hellenic Republic only by a particularly intensive effort;

(1) OJ No

(2) OJ No

Whereas the conditions laid down in Council Regulation (EEC) No 355/77(1) amended by Regulation (EEC) No (2), are determined by reference to the situation of agriculture in the regions;

Whereas the conditions at present laid down do not make it possible to overcome the serious obstacles encountered by any economic measures in these regions of the Hellenic Republic;

Whereas, therefore, the conditions laid down in the said Regulation should be adjusted in order to correspond more closely to the situation in these regions; whereas, in particular, the granting of greater amounts of aid and a higher rate of contribution by the European Agricultural Guidance and Guarantee Fund, Guidance Section, may provide adequate encouragement for economic activities in these regions,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION :

Article 1

Regulation (EEC) No 355/77 is hereby amended as follows:

1. The last sentence of Article 16(3) is replaced by the following:

"The estimated cost for 1983 is 156 million ECU."

(1) OJ No L 51, 23.2.1977, p. 1

(2) OJ No

2. Article 17a(1)(a) and (b) is replaced by the following:

"Article 17a

By way of derogation from Article 17 (2) :

(a) the financial contribution of the recipient must be at least :

- 25 % in the case of projects carried out in the Mezzogiorno and in all areas of the Hellenic Republic with the exception of Greater Athens;
- 35 % in the case of projects carried out in Languedoc-Roussillon and projects concerning wine carried out in the departments of Vaucluse, Bouche-du-Rhône, Var, Ardèche and Drôme;

b) the aid granted by the Fund shall not exceed :

- 50 % for projects carried out in the Mezzogiorno and in all areas of the Hellenic Republic, with the exception of Greater Athens;
- 35 % for projects carried out in Languedoc-Roussillon and projects concerning wine carried out in the departments of Vaucluse, Bouches-du-Rhône, Var, Ardèche and Drôme."

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on the third day following 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
The President

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Date : 14.06.82

1. BUDGET HEADING : 4014 (Preliminary draft budget 1983) APPROPRIATIONS :CA : 18 million ECU

2. TITLE : Proposal for a Council Regulation (EEC) amending Council Regulation (EEC) No 355/77 of 15 February 1977 on common measures to improve the conditions under which agricultural products are processed and marketed.

3. LEGAL BASIS : Article 43 of the Treaty

4. AIMS OF PROJECT : To extend to Greece the aid conditions laid down for Italy.

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

	PERIOD OF 12 MONTHS	CURRENT FINANCIAL YEAR (82)	FOLLOWING FINANCIAL YEAR (83)
5.0 EXPENDITURE			
- CHARGED TO THE EC BUDGET (REFUNDS/INTERVENTIONS)		-	-
- NATIONAL ADMINISTRATION		-	-
- OTHER		-	-
5.1 RECEIPTS			
- OWN RESOURCES OF THE EC (LEVIÉS/CUSTOMS DUTIES)		-	-
- NATIONAL		-	-

(Appropriations for commitments)
16 million ECU
p.m.
p.m.

5.0.1 ESTIMATED EXPENDITURE
5.1.1 ESTIMATED RECEIPTS

5.2 METHOD OF CALCULATION

The supplementary amount of 16 million ECU is based on the increase in the appropriations earmarked for Regulation 355/77 to take account of the accession of Greece, assuming that almost 90 % of the projects aided in Greece will be in areas qualifying for aid at the rate of 50 %.

6.0 XX/XX

6.1 XX/XX

6.2 XX/XX

6.3 WILL FUTURE BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS BE NECESSARY ? YES/XX

OBSERVATIONS : Payments should be as follows :

1983	1984	1985	1986	1987	
0,8	0,4	4,8	4,0	2,4	million ECU

FIRST FIVE-YEAR PERIOD - JANUARY 1980 TO DECEMBER 1984

Nomenclature 1982	Title	Commitments		Foreseeable commitments			Five-year total 1980-84
		real	provisional	1982	1983	1984	
		1980	1981				
CHAP. 30	PROJECTS FOR IMPROVING AGRICULTURAL STRUCTURES	139,6	154,6	148	148	148	738,2
300	Individual projects R. 17/64	-	-	-	-	-	-
3010	Marketing and processing projects R. 355/77	82,4	98,5	98	98	98	474,9
3011	Applic. 355 to Mezzogiorno & South of France R. 1351/73	49,5	47,7	42	42	42	223,2
3012	Applic. 355 to West of Ireland R. 1820/80	7,7	8,4	8	8	8	40,1
CHAP. 31	GENERAL SOCIO-STRUCTURAL MEASURES	92,5	116,0	118,1	141,1	153,1	620,8
310	Modernization of farms Dir. 72/159	86,5	110,4	112,5	133,8	144,5	587,7
311	Cessation of farming Dir. 72/160	0,7	0,7	1,2	1,5	1,8	5,9
312	Socio-economic measure Dir. 72/161	5,3	4,9	4,4	5,8	6,8	27,2
CHAP. 32	MEASURES FOR LESS-FAVOURED REGIONS	210,4	260,9	355,8	378,8	360,2	1.566,1
320	Direct mountain hill and less-favoured areas Dir. 75/252	88,7	106,7	150,8	153	162	661,2
3210	Mediterranean forestry programme R. 269/79	33,3	44,3	56,6	40	9,8	184,0
3211	Mediterranean infrastructure programme R. 1700/78	29,0	28,7	32,9	25	9,4	125,0
3220	Technical advisers in Italy R. 270/79	-	-	p.m.	0,2	0,3	0,5
3221	Mezzogiorno irrigation programme R. 1372/79	47,8	53,4	56,3	54	48,5	260,0
3222	Cattle-farming in Italy programme R. 1944/81	-	-	p.m.	4,8	15	19,8
3230	Wine-growing programme South of France Dir. 78/627	5,5	7,9	8,5	17,6	10	49,5
3231	Irrigation programme in Corsica Dir. 79/173	-	1,2	1,1	2,5	2,5	7,3
3232	Programme against flooding Hérault Dir. 79/174	-	-	p.m.	p.m.	p.m.	p.m.
3233	Wine-growing programme Charentes Dir. 73/255	2,4	3,9	3,8	3,2	p.m.	p.m.
3234	Integrated programme Lezère R. 1947/81	-	-	0,2	0,5	2,0	2,7
3235	Overseas departments programme Dir. 81/527	-	-	1,5	5	17	23,5
3240	Drainage programme Ireland Reg. 2195 Dir. 75/222	3,7	9,3	8,5	11,5	10,5	43,5
3241	Drainage programme Ireland/Northern Ireland Dir. 79/197	-	-	p.m.	p.m.	p.m.	p.m.
3242	Programme West of Ireland R. 1520/80	-	3,9	17,7	23,8	20	65,4
3243	Meat programme, Ireland/Northern Ireland R. 1054/80	-	-	5,0	10	8,5	23,5
3244	Veterinary operation, Ireland R. 1055/81	-	-	-	-	-	-
325	Sheepfarming programme, Greenland R. 1221/80	-	-	0,5	0,5	0,7	1,7
3260	Integrated programme, Western Islands R. 1917/81	-	-	p.m.	1,6	3,2	4,8
3261	Beef/veal programme, Northern Ireland R. 1947/81	-	-	p.m.	4,1	5,3	9,4
3262	Cereal projects, Northern Ireland R. 1343/81	-	1,6	1,4	1,5	1,5	6
327	Integrate programme, South-East Belgium R. 1241/81	-	-	2	1	1	4
328	Infrastructure programme, FRG R. 1333/81	-	-	9,0	13	5	27
329	Programme, Greece Proposition	-	-	-	6	28	34
CHAP. 33	STRUCTURAL OPERATIONS LINKED TO MARKETS	133,1	129,1	153,4	107,9	87,6	611,1
3300	Producers' groups R. 1300/78	-	0	1,0	1,0	2,0	4,0
3301	Hop producers' groups R. 1695/77	0,1	0+	p.m.	p.m.	p.m.	0,1
3302	Fruit and vegetable producers' groups R. 1035/77	1,7	1,1	2,60	1,6	1,6	8,6
3303	Potato producers' groups Proposition	-	-	p.m.	p.m.	p.m.	p.m.
3304	Cotton producers' groups R. 389/82	-	-	-	2,5	2,7	5,2
3311	Beef premium R. 1353/73	1,3	0+	0,1	p.m.	p.m.	1,4
3312	Milk non-marketing R. 1072/77	82,3	87,1	63,1	61,4	31,1	325
3313	Cattle disease eradication Dir. 77/331	31,6	21,0	23,0	-	-	73,6
3314	Dairy-farming cessation premium Proposition	-	-	-	-	-	-
3315	Swine fever eradication at 80/1097	-	-	p.m.	-	-	-
3320	Vineyard conversion premium R. 1153/75	10,1	11,1	13,9	p.m.	p.m.	35,1
3321	Premium for abandonment of wine-growing R. 452/80	-	2	17,0	20,1	20	59,1
3322	Premium for cessation of wine-growing R. 457/80	-	-	0,3	0,5	0,8	1,6
3323	Collective restructuring of vineyards R. 458/80	-	-	27,5	16	25	68,5
3330	Citrus fruit plan R. 2511/69	6,0	5	4,8	4,8	4,4	25
3332	Reorganization of fruit production R. 794/76	-	1,8	0,1	p.m.	p.m.	1,9
CHAP. 46	STRUCTURAL OPERATIONS FOR FISHERIES	15,3	19,4	25,2	27,2	32,7	119,8
460	Interim measure and fisheries structures proposal	15,2	19,3	25,0	27,0	32,5	119,0
461	Fish producers' group	0,1	0,1	0,2	0,2	0,2	0,8
TOTAL GUIDANCE		590,9	680	800,5	803,-	781,6	3.656,0