

COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

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COMMISSION COMMUNICATION TO THE COUNCIL

on the granting of special food aid to the
least developed countries

(Proposal of the Commission)

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Following its Communication to the Council¹, the Commission is now proposing that the Council give legal effect to its earlier proposals for the supply to the populations of the LLDCs of various foodstuffs after consultation with the States or bodies concerned.

The Commission therefore proposes that the Council adopt the following regulation on the granting of exceptional food aid to the Least developed countries (LLDCs).

¹ COM(81)546 final of 29 September 1981.

COUNCIL REGULATION ON THE GRANTING OF SPECIAL FOOD AID TO THE
LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES

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,

Having regard to the Opinion of the European Parliament,

Whereas food and balance of payments
situation in the least developed countries is particularly grave;

Whereas the Community must make a positive response to the food needs of
those countries by supplying foodstuffs direct;

Whereas a particularly appropriate means of responding to certain emerg-
ency situations would be to make cereals available to the World Food
Programme for use under the International Emergency Food Reserve;

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Special food aid is hereby
approved for the least developed countries; it shall involve the supply
to the populations of those countries of various foodstuffs such as
cereals, oils, legumes and sugar.

The said aid shall be supplied free at destination.

The value of this aid is estimated at 40 M. ECU.

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Article 2

A proportion of the aid, equivalent to 100 000 t of cereals, shall be made available to the World Food Programme for use under the International Emergency Food Reserve.

Article 3

The least developed countries on the annexed list shall be eligible for the special food aid referred to in Article 1.

Article 4

The Commission shall be responsible for implementing this special aid operation.

To that end, it shall allocate the special food aid among the least developed countries referred to in Article 3 and shall determine the nature of the products to be supplied to each of the recipient countries.

The Commission shall also make available to the World Food Programme the equivalent of 100 000 t of cereals for use under the International Emergency Food Reserve.

It shall keep the Member States informed of progress with the operation.

Article 5

This Regulation shall enter into force on the third day following that 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

The President

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