

# COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

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## COMMISSION COMMUNICATION TO THE COUNCIL CONCERNING AMENDMENTS TO THE EEC\_UNRWA CONVENTION

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EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

The aid to be given to UNRWA for the period 1 January - 31 December 1982 pursuant to the Convention concluded with that body consists of three main components :

1. Education programme

During its meeting of 27.07.1982, the Council approved in principle the Commission's proposal to "respond favourably to the UNRWA's request that the EEC provide the Agency with less food aid while broadening the range of products supplied and to participate up to an amount of 16 M.ECU in the financing of the education programme implemented by UNRWA in both 1982 and 1983 under the UNRWA-CEC three year Convention."

The Council also invited the Commission to present in due time a proposal concerning the financing of 16 M.ECU based on a reduction of corresponding expenditure.

The Commission has proposed in its preliminary draft amending and supplementary budget n° 1/1982, the creation of a specific budget line - Art. 959 "Complementary aid in favour of UNRWA."

Despite the favourable opinion expressed by the European Parlement on this preliminary draft amending and supplementary budget (1) the Council refused to approve it making thereby impossible the creation of budget line - Art. 959.

The Commission then proposed the financing of the 16 M.ECU in the framework of its Request for transfer of appropriations (30/82) that has again been approved by the Parlement and refused by the Council.

Therefore, the Commission now intends to finance this action for 1982 out of chapter 92 of the General Budget of the Commission.

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(1) See Resolution adopted by the European Parlement on 8th July 1982.

To this end, the Commission intends to proceed to a transfer of credits to Art. 926 "Expenditures resulting from the Convention between the EEC and UNRWA" from the posts :

- (i) 9201 "Food aid in cereals - Current programme for cereals other than rice" : an amount equivalent to the cost of the 42.000 t earmarked for UNRWA under the 1982 programme by the Council Decision 82/270/EEC (1) of 26 April 1982, i.e. 6.384.000 ECU. The Council, during its most recent debates on the modification of the 1982 food aid programme has considered the 42.000 t of cereals to UNRWA to be supplementary to the 1.000.000 t programme presented in the President's compromise. The corresponding appropriations are available as Parlement inscribed on this line a financial amount sufficient to cover a 1.087.963 t cereals supply programme.
- (ii) 9213 "Food aid in milk products - Current programme for butteroil" : an amount equivalent to the cost of 3.300 t of butteroil, the non-committed portion of the 3.900 t of butteroil earmarked for UNRWA under the 1982 programme by Council Regulation (EEC) n° 1040/82 of 26 April 1982 (2), i.e. 8.256.000 ECU.

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(1) OJ N° L 120, 1.5.1982

(2) OJ N° L 120, 1.5.1982

- (iii) 9221 "Food aid in sugar - Current programme for sugar": an amount equivalent to the cost of 4.855 t of sugar to be taken from the non-committed portion of the 6.086 t earmarked for UNRWA under the 1982 programme in the General Budget (1), i.e. 1.359.400 ECU.

## 2. Supplementary Feeding Programme - contributions in cash

Given the funds available under the 1982 budget, the Community is able to contribute 4 million ECU to UNRWA for this programme.

On 14 October 1982 (2) the Commission proposed to the budget authority that the appropriation entered in Chapter 100 of the General Budget of the Communities be transferred to Article 926 "Expenditure resulting from the Convention between the EEC and UNRWA".

## 3. Contributions in kind - Supplementary Feeding Programme, feeding programme in training centres and programme for particularly needy cases

Under the above programmes 1.795 t of milk powder, 662 t of butteroil, 737 t of sugar and 1.150,5 t of other products (including tomato paste, burghol, preserved meat, and legumes) are to be supplied to UNRWA.

For the milk powder and butteroil, the Council has already adopted the food aid programmes for 1982 (26 April 1982(3)). The corresponding appropriations are included in the General Budget of the Communities.

So far as the milk is concerned, however, the amount earmarked for UNRWA is 1.360 t and it is therefore proposed that the Council decide to allocate an additional 435 t from the 658 t still in reserve under the 1982 milk programme.

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(1) OJ No L 31, 8.2.1982.

(2) COM(82)668.

(3) Council Regulations (EEC) No 1038/82 and No 1040/82.

The cost of supplying the 737 t of sugar (estimate : 0.29 million ECU) will be met from Item 9331, the 1982 appropriation for which is 2.8 million ECU.

The cost of supplying 1.158.5 t of other products (estimate : 1.3 million ECU) will be met from Article 924 "Food Aid (other commodities)" the 1982 appropriation for which is 5 million ECU.

In order to enable the Community to carry out its commitments under the different programmes outlined above, the Commission proposes that the Council adopt :

1. A Convention amending the Convention between the European Economic Community and the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees (UNRWA) on aid to refugees in the Middle East (Annex 1).
2. The proposal for a decision cancelling the food aid in the form of cereals accorded to UNRWA by Decision 82/270/EEC (Annex 2).
3. The proposal for a regulation cancelling the food aid in the form of butter-oil accorded to UNRWA by Regulation n° 1040/82 (Annex 3).
4. The proposal for a regulation on the supply of an additional 435 t of milk powder to UNRWA under the 1982 programme (Annex 4).

COUNCIL DECISIONOF

Concluding a Convention amending the Convention between the European Economic Community and the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees (UNRWA) on aid to refugees in the Middle East.

## 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 a Convention on aid to refugees in the Middle East was concluded between the European Economic Community and the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees (UNRWA);

Whereas it is necessary to modify this Convention to take account of the changing needs of refugees in receipt of assistance from UNRWA.

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS :

Article 1

The Convention amending the Convention between the European Economic Community and the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees (UNRWA) on aid to refugees in the Middle East is hereby approved on behalf of the Community.

The text of the Convention is attached to this Decision.

Article 2

The President of the Council is hereby authorised to designate the persons empowered to sign the Convention in order to bind the Community.

Done at Brussels,

For the Council

The President



CONVENTION AMENDING THE CONVENTION BETWEEN THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC  
COMMUNITY AND THE UNITED NATIONS RELIEF AND WORKS AGENCY FOR  
PALESTINE REFUGEES (UNRWA) ON AID TO REFUGEES IN THE MIDDLE EAST

ARTICLE 1

Article 1 of the Convention between the EEC and UNRWA shall be  
supplemented as follows :

"However, for 1982 and 1983 the supplies and contributions referred to  
"above shall be for use under the following programmes :

- "- programme for distribution of rations to particularly needy cases;
- "- feeding programme in training centres;
- "- supplementary feeding programme;
- "- education programme."

ARTICLE 2

Article 2(1) of the Convention between the EEC and UNRWA shall be  
replaced by the following :

"1. The Community shall supply to UNRWA for 1982 and 1983 under this  
" Convention specific quantities of skimmed milk powder enriched with  
" vitamines, butteroil, white sugar and other products for use under  
" the programme for distribution of rations to particularly needy  
" cases and the feeding programme in training centres. The quantities  
" to be supplied for 1982 under this Convention are given in paragraph  
" 1 of the Annex, which forms an integral part of this Convention."

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ARTICLE 3

Article 2(3) shall be supplemented as follows :

"The amount to be paid for this purpose in 1982 is given in paragraph 2  
"of the Annex to this Convention."

ARTICLE 4

Article 2(4) of the Convention between the EEC and UNRWA shall be  
replaced by the following :

"4. UNRWA shall distribute the products to Palestine refugees eligible  
" for the programmes specified in paragraph 1 of this Article, free  
" of charge and for their own consumption."

ARTICLE 5

Article 2(5) of the Convention between the EEC and UNRWA shall be  
replaced by the following :

"5. UNRWA shall send to the Community before 1 March of each year a  
" report on the programmes specified in paragraph 1 of this Article,  
" notably on the use of the contributions made in kind or in cash under  
" this Convention."

ARTICLE 6

Article 3(1) of the Convention between the EEC and UNRWA shall be  
replaced by the following :

"1. The Community shall supply to UNRWA for each year of this Convention  
" specific quantities of skimmed milk powder enriched with vitamins,  
" butteroil and sugar for use under the Supplementary Feeding Programme.  
" The quantities to be supplied for 1982 under this Convention are given  
" in paragraph 1 of the Annex, which forms an integral part of this  
" Convention."

ARTICLE 7

Article 3(3)(a) of the Convention between the EEC and UNRWA shall be supplemented as follows :

"The cash sum to be paid for 1982 is given in paragraph 2 of the Annex  
"to this Convention."

ARTICLE 8

Article 3(3)(b) of the Convention between the EEC and UNRWA shall be supplemented as follows :

"The quantities of corned beef and tomato paste to be purchased in 1982  
"are given in paragraph 3 of the Annex to this Convention."

ARTICLE 9

The following article shall be inserted in the text of the Convention between the EEC and UNRWA :

"Article 4a

"1. The Community shall pay to UNRWA for 1982 and 1983 under this  
" Convention a cash sum as a contribution to the costs of operating  
" the education programme. The cash sum to be paid for 1982 under this  
" this Convention is given in paragraph 2 of the Annex."

"2. Use of the funds made available to UNRWA by the Community shall be  
" subject to the prior agreement of the Commission."

ARTICLE 10

This Convention is drawn up in two copies in the Danish, Dutch, English, French, German, Greek and Italian languages, each version being equally authentic.

ANNEX TO THE CONVENTION AMENDING THE CONVENTION BETWEEN THE EEC AND UNRWA

(period from 1 January 1982 to 31 December 1982)

1. Contributions in kind

- Programme for distribution for rations to particularly needy cases

- . 582 t of skimmed milk powder enriched with vitamins
- . 437 t of butteroil
- . 582 t of white sugar
- . 291 t of tomato paste
- . 291 t of burghol
- . 396 t preserved meat

- Supplementary Feeding Programme

- . 1.165 t of skimmed milk powder enriched with vitamins
- . 185 t of butteroil
- . 97 t of white sugar

- Feeding programme in training centres

- . 48 t of skimmed milk powder enriched with vitamins
- . 40 t of butteroil
- . 58 t of white sugar
- . 76 t of legumes
- . 37 t of burghol
- . 43 t of preserved meat
- . 15 t of tomato paste
- . 1.5 t of tea

## 2. Contributions in cash

### - Programme for distribution of rations to particularly needy cases and feeding programme in training centres

. Sum paid per tonne of products received : US\$ 40

### - Supplementary feeding programme

. Cash contribution to operating costs of Supplementary Feeding Programme : Equivalent of 4 million ECU in US\$

### - Education programme

. Contribution to financing of education programme : Equivalent of 16 million ECU in US\$

## 3. Foodstuffs to be bought on the Community market

- Corned beef 343.080 t

- Tomato paste 27.504 t

Done at Brussels,

For the Council of the European Communities,

For the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees

COUNCIL DECISION

amending Decision 82/270/EEC with regard to the supply of food aid in the form of cereals to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Middle East (UNRWA).

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community, and in particular Article 113 thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Whereas by Decision 82/270/EEC (1) the Council allocated 42.000 tonnes to UNRWA under the 1982 cereals food aid programme,

Whereas by the EEC has received a request from UNRWA, in the context of the Convention with that body, for the conversion of this food aid into financial assistance totalling 16 million ECU for an education programme,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS :

Sole Article

The food aid of 42.000 tonnes of cereals allocated to UNRWA under the 1982 food aid programme, established by Decision 82/270/EEC, is hereby cancelled.

Done at Brussels

For the Council

The President

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(1) OJ N° L 120, 1.5.1982

PROPOSAL FOR COUNCIL REGULATION (EEC) N° /82

OF

amending Regulation (EEC) n° 1040/82 on the supply of milk fats to certain developing countries and specialised bodies under the 1982 food aid programme.

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) n° 1039/82 of 26 April 1982 laying down general rules for the supply of milk fats to certain developing countries and certain specialised bodies under the 1982 food aid programme (1) and in particular Articles 3 and 7 thereof;

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission;

Whereas Regulation (EEC) n° 1040/82 (2) provides for the allocation of 3.900 tonnes of milk fats to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Middle East (UNRWA);

Whereas the Community have received a request from UNRWA, in the context of the Convention with the EEC, for the conversion of part of this food aid into financial assistance totalling 16 million ECU for an education programme.

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(1) OH N° L 120, 1.5.1982

(2) OJ N° L 120, 1.5.1982



HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION :

Article 1

The food aid of 3.300 tonnes of milk fats allocated to UNRWA under the 1982 food aid programme provided for by Regulation (EEC) N° <sup>1840</sup> ~~1840~~/82, is hereby cancelled.

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

PROPOSAL FOR A COUNCIL REGULATION (EEC)  
ON THE SUPPLY OF SKIMMED MILK POWDER AS  
FOOD AID TO THE UNITED NATIONS RELIEF  
AND WORKS AGENCY FOR PALESTINE REFUGEES  
(UNRWA)

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THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community;

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) n° 1037/82 of 26 April 1982 laying down general rules for the supply of skimmed milk powder to certain developing countries and specialised bodies under the 1982 food aid programme (1), and in particular Article 7 thereof;

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission;

Whereas Council Regulation (EEC) n° 1038/82 of 26 April 1982 on the supply of skimmed milk powder to certain developing countries and specialised bodies under the 1982 food aid programme (2) provides for a reserve of 10.990 tonnes of skimmed milk powder; whereas certain quantities are still available under this reserve;

Whereas the Community has received from UNRWA, in the context of the Convention with the EEC, a request for additional food aid in the form of skimmed milk powder; whereas the needs justify food aid from the Community.

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(1) OJ N° L 120, 1.5.1982

(2) OJ N° L 120, 1.5.1982

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION :

Article 1

Of the quantity of skimmed milk powder still available under the reserve provided for by Regulation (EEC) n° 1038/82, 435 tonnes shall be allocated to UNRWA as food aid in addition to the 1.360 tonnes already provided for in the said Regulation.

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

IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CONVENTION FOR 1981

As the EEC-UNRWA Convention was concluded on March 1982, implementation was carried out partly in advance in order not to interrupt deliveries and hence the distribution of food products to Palestinian refugees.

1. Implementation of the Basic Rations Programme in 1981

Deliveries of flour for 1981 amounted to 27.541.728 tonnes (see Annex 6 : State of deliveries), while deliveries of butteroil totalled 3.729.470 t and sugar 6.041.187 t (1). No skimmed milk powder was delivered under this programme, UNRWA having indicated that it was waiving the 732 tonnes earmarked for the programme (2).

In the West Sector an average number of 327.291 persons benefited from distribution of flour, butteroil and sugar. The average number of recipients in the Eastern Sector was 499.407.

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(1) including the 86 t intended for the Supplementary Feeding Programme.

(2) UNRWA also waived the 200 t earmarked for the Supplementary Feeding Programme.

## STATE OF DELIVERY FOR 1982

A. BASIC RATIONS PROGRAMME(A) CEREALS (27.593 t)

SS POLARIS II	1.368 t	TARTOUS	9.9.1981
SS CITY OF OXFORD	2.443,242 t	TARTOUS	19.9.1981
SS HEHALUTZ	684 t	ASHDOD	15.9.1981
SS ESTER DEL MAR	1.548 t	ASHDOD	2.10.1981
SS DROR	762,500 t	ASHDOD	4.10.1981
SS PEGASIA	1.120 t	ASHDOD	22.10.1981
SS SIGAL	320 t	ASHDOD	1.11.1981
SS NAHOST KLIPPER	400 t	ASHDOD	7.11.1981
SS PEGASIA	1.160 t	ASHDOD	21.11.1981
SS CITY OF PLYMOUTH	700 t	ASHDOD	23.11.1981
SS SIGAL	300 t	ASHDOD	7.12.1981
SS RAQEFET	1.200 t	ASHDOD	19.12.1981
SS NAHOST KLIPPER	500 t	ASHDOD	9.12.1981
SS PEGASIA	300 t	ASHDOD	29.12.1981
SS MILORA	1.239,345 t	AQUABA	1.12.1981
SS OLE SIF	1.571,900 t	AQUABA	1.12.1981
SS BALDER CARRIER	1.238,746 t	AQUABA	21.12.1981
SS HETEOR I	1.239,469 t	AQUABA	14.12.1981
SS MILORA	906,426 t	AQUABA	2.1.1982
SS LOTTE SCHEEL	1.073 t	AQUABA	14.1.1982
SS BALDER CARRIER	1.142 t	AQUABA	21.1.1981
SS GOTHIA	1.107,100 t	AQUABA	3.2.1982
SS MARLENES	1.518 t	AQUABA	10.2.1982
SS NAHOST KURIER	400 t	ASHDOD	22.3.1982
SS ZIM IBERIA	1.500 t	ASHDOD	11.3.1982
SS PEGASIA	400 t	ASHDOD	19.4.1982
SS NAHOST KURIER	320 t	ASHDOD	22.4.1982
SS RAQEFET	1.080 t	ASHDOD	2.5.1982
TOTAL	27.541,728 t		

(B) BUTTEROIL (3.735 t)

SS CODLEA	399,502 t	CATTAKIE	7.12.1981
SS ARC ODYSSEUS	398,744 t	AQUABA	12.11.1981
SS PENNYS	399,635 t	AQUABA	16.11.1981
SS LUCY BORCHARD	450 t	ASHDOD	23.10.1981
SS JAN	450 t	ASHDOD	30.10.1981
SS LOSKA	399,585 t	LATTAKIE	10.1.1982
SS TRANSWORLD GOLLIATH	299,823 t	AQUABA	25.12.1981
SS REGINA S	297,181 t	AQUABA	25.2.1982
SS WOTAN	300 t	ASHDOD	17.11.1981
SS WIELANS	335 t	ASHDOD	29.11.1981
TOTAL	3.729,470 t		

(C) SUGAR (6.086 t) (1)

SS LUZON	991,243 t	AQUABA	29.4.1982
SS ERIKA NABER	997,287 t	ASHDOD	2.5.1982
SS AL YARMOUK	1.378,907 t	LATAKIE	30.4.1982
SS PEGASIA	1.000 t	ASHDOD	24.6.1982
SS ANIELLO	918,750 t	AQUABA	30.6.1982
SS PEGASIA	400 t	ASHDOD	27.7.1982
SS CAMELIA	355 t	ASHDOD	2.8.1982
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TOTAL	6.041,187 t		

II. SUPPLEMENTARY FEEDING PROGRAMME(A) CEREALS

- 2.150 t wheat flour (being delivered October 1982)

- 152 t rice

SS HELENE WALLER	152 t	ASHDOD
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(B) SKIMMED MILK POWDER (700 t)

SS VINCENZA	149,063 t	AQUABA	10.1.1982
SS BADRE	149,369 t	AQUABA	19.3.1982
SS MOTAH	148,819 t	AQUABA	9.4.1982
SS FRAZINET	149,044 t	LATAKIE	29.4.1982
SS ALBA	97,637 t	TARTOUS	7.5.1982
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TOTAL	693,938 t		

(C) BUTTEROIL (165 t)

SS AEGIS LOGIC	89,800 t	AQUABA	29.3.1982
SS JAN	75,000 t	ASHDOD	28.3.1982
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TOTAL	164,800 t		