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Brussels, 16 and 17 May 1983

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Agriculture and Forestry of  
the Federal Republic of Germany

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AGRICULTURAL PRICES FOR 1983-1984 AND RELATED MEASURES

After a detailed discussion, bearing in mind the Opinions of the European Parliament and the Economic and Social Committee, and on the basis of the envisaged change in the value of the ECU to enable the value of the pound on 13 May 1983 to be taken into account, the Council agreed on an overall compromise for agricultural prices for 1983-1984 and related measures, although the Italian delegation said its agreement was provisional until 17 May 1983.

As a first stage, the Council, without prejudice to the provisional agreement of the Italian delegation, adopted in the official languages of the Communities the 18 Regulations due to come into force on 23 May 1983.

It will adopt the other Regulations after finalization of the texts by the most appropriate procedure.

In view of the urgency, the Council agreed to adopt the Regulations fixing the now green exchange rates by the written procedure, after finalization of the texts.

The main features of the decisions taken may be summarized as follows:

AGRI-MONETARY MEASURES

1. Representative rates

The Council agreed to the following new rates to be applied in the agricultural sector and the resultant dismantling of monetary compensatory amounts <sup>(1)</sup>:

Federal Republic of Germany: 1 ECU = 2,51457 German marks  
(Reduction in MCA's: - 3,2 points (\*)).

However, the reduction in MCA's will be limited to:

- for milk, 2,2 points (\*) for the 1983/1984 marketing year, (1 ECU = 2,54273 DM), the remaining factor (1 point) being phased out at the beginning of the 1984/1985 marketing year;
- for cereals, 2,7 points (\*) for the 1984/1984 marketing year, (1 ECU = 2,52875 DM), the remaining factor (0,5 point) being phased out at the beginning of the 1984/1985 marketing year.

Netherlands : 1 ECU = 2,70981 Netherlands guilders  
(reduction in MCA's - 2,65 points (\*)).

However, dismantling will be limited to:

- for milk, 1,85 points (\*) for the 1983/1984 marketing year (1 ECU = 2,73327), the remaining factor (0,8 point) being phased out at the beginning of the 1984/1985 marketing year;
- for cereals, 2,25 points (\*) for the 1983/1984 marketing year (1 ECU = 2,72149), the remaining factor (0,4 point) being phased out at the beginning of the 1984/1985 marketing year.

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<sup>(1)</sup> Subject to the overall review of the agri-monetary system envisaged in point 3, monetary changes for the beginning of the 1984/1985 marketing year will be made in accordance with the Gentlemen's Agreement.

(\*) In relation to the amount applicable on 1 April 1983.

France Milk : 1 ECU = 6,5540 French francs  
- 3 points

Other products: 1 ECU = 6,49211 French francs  
- 2 points

However, there will be additional dismantling in respect of pigmeat, amounting to 2,2 points (1 ECU = 6,62985) from 23.5.1983 and 2,2 points (1 ECU = 6,77297 from the beginning of the 1983/1984 marketing year.

Greece : 1 ECU = 77,2479 Greek drachma  
- 6,1 points (reduction in the real monetary  
gap: 8 points)

Ireland: 1 ECU = 0,71695 Irish pound  
- 2,3 points

Italy : 1 ECU = 1 341,00 Italian lire  
- 2,5 points (reduction in the real monetary  
gap: 4,0 points)  
(entry into force immediately)

2. Monetary compensatory amount for pigmeat

The monetary compensatory amount for pigmeat is to be calculated on the basis of 90% of the lower limit of the buying-in price, applicable from 1 August 1983 (subject to the Opinion of the European Parliament).

3. Review of the method of calculation for some products

With a view to bringing the monetary compensatory amount system more closely into line with the objectives laid down in Regulation (EEC) No 974/71, i.e. proper functioning of the market organization free from trade distortions, the Council requested the Commission to make a review of the method of calculation of the monetary compensatory amounts, particularly for those products

- for which there is no intervention price;
- not listed in Annex II;
- obtained from commodities which are not subject to monetary compensatory amounts.

4. Calculation of the monetary compensatory amount for fresh milk

The Council takes note of the Commission's intention that henceforth the MCA for fresh milk will be calculated on the basis of the buying-in prices for butter and milk powder, less the processing costs at present included therein. (The effect of this measure will be to lower the German monetary compensatory amount to about 0,4 point).

MILK AND MILK PRODUCTS

The increase in the target and intervention prices will take place at the beginning of the 1983/1984 marketing year (23 May 1983) and will be as follows:

- the target price for milk will increase to 27,43 ECU/100 kg (+ 2,33%)
- the intervention price for butter will increase to 357,86 ECU/100 kg (+2,33%) and
- the intervention price for skimmed-milk powder to 149,64 ECU/100 kg (+ 2,33%)
- the intervention price for Grana Padano cheese of an age of between 30 and 60 days will increase to 361,28 ECU/100 kg (+ 2,33%)
- the intervention price for Grana Padano cheese of an age of at least 6 months will increase to 439,53 ECU/100 kg (+ 2,33%)
- the intervention price for Parmigiano-Reggiano cheese of an age of at least 6 months will increase to 480,26 ECU/100 kg (+ 2,33%).

Guarantee threshold

For the calendar year 1983, the guarantee threshold is fixed at the level of the quantity of milk supplied to undertakings treating or processing milk in the calendar year 1981, plus 1%.



Co-responsibility levy

The co-responsibility levy for the 1983/1984 marketing year is to be 2% of the target price, under the same conditions as the current basic co-responsibility levy.

In view of the particular difficulties resulting from the imbalance in the market in milk and milk products, the Council invited the Commission to submit without delay a report reviewing the various ways of stemming the constant growth in milk production in the Community, analysing the methods offering the best cost-benefit ratio for use in disposing of surpluses produced, and re-examining the effect of milk-substitute products on the market in milk and milk products.

Aids and subsidies

For the 1983/1984 milk marketing year, the Council decided to fix at 51,0 ECU/100 kg the maximum amount of the Community contribution to subsidies for the disposal of butter intended for direct consumption under Regulation (EEC) No 1269/79.

The Council took note of a statement by the Commission to the effect that it envisages extending the provisions of Article 9 of Regulation (EEC) No 804/68 to Kasserli and Kefalotyri cheeses, i.e. to place these cheeses within the scheme of aid for the private storage of cheese.

New Zealand butter

For 1983 the Council decided to fix the special levy on imports of New Zealand butter into the United Kingdom at 86,35 ECU/100 kg.

Special measures for small producers

As for last year, the Council decided that an amount of 120 MECU will be divided among the Member States on the basis of the quantities of milk supplied to dairies in 1981 by all producers up to a ceiling of 60 000 kg per producer.

On the basis of objective criteria laid down by the Commission each Member State will divide the amount allocated to it among its own small producers.

Allocation of 120 million ECU among the Member States

Member State	(millions of ECU)
Belgium	4,7
Denmark	4,8
Germany	34,9
France	39,6
Greece	0,8
Ireland	6,5
Italy	13,4
Luxembourg	0,3
Netherlands	8,0
United Kingdom	7,0

Reduced levy for certain cheeses

The Council adopted a Regulation amending Regulation (EEC) No 2915/79 with regard to reduced levies for certain cheeses.

Provided the import price is not less than the amount deducted from the threshold price, the levy for 100 kilogrammes of the following products will be equal to the threshold price, less:

- 233,36 ECU/100 kg for Tilsit cheese of a fat content not exceeding 48%
- 233,36 ECU/100 kg plus a component of 24,28 ECU for Tilsit cheese of a fat content exceeding 48%
- 245,45 ECU/100 kg for Kashkaval cheese and cheese of sheeps milk or buffalo milk.

School milk

The Council decided to extend for a period of 5 years from the beginning of the 1983/1984 milk-marketing year the minimum period during which the Community contribution to the financing of the school milk programme will be maintained.

In addition, without prejudice to the Opinion of the European Parliament, the Council adopted the principle of granting Community aid for the supply to school children of milk processed into certain products falling under headings 04.01 or 04.04 or under subheading 22.02 B or into yoghurt falling under subheadings 04.02 B, 18.06 D and 21.04 D of the common customs tariff. The Member States may grant national aid for the supply of the above products to school children as a supplement to the Community aid. The Commission must therefore submit to the Council a revised text concerning the amendment to be made to Regulation (EEC) No 1080/77. This amended text will provide for Community aid to be fixed at 125% of the target price for milk.

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The Council also took note

- of a statement by the Commission that it envisages transferring to Italy, during the 1983/1984 marketing year, 50 000 tonnes of skimmed-milk powder from intervention stocks designated as animal feed;
- of a statement by the Commission that it envisages, in the context of measures to dispose of larger quantities of skimmed-milk powder as animal feed, to speed up its studies with a view to strengthening control measures as regards the composition and the end use of this product.

CEREALS

The Council recorded its agreement on the following prices and aids:

	% increase
Common single intervention price	+ 2.96
Target price for fodder grain (maize, barley/rye)	+ 4.34
Reference price for common wheat of average bread-making quality	+ 2.96
Target price for common wheat	+ 4.31
Intervention price for durum wheat	+ 4.6
Target price for durum wheat	+ 4.78
Aid for durum wheat	+ 7.5
Monthly increases for basic products	
- Durum wheat	+ 5.5
- Other cereals	+ 5.5

Rye. The Council took note of a statement by the Commission that it intends to increase by 2 ECU per tonne the special premium laid down for rye of bread-making quality provided for in Regulation (EEC) No 1570/77, thus increasing this aid to 7.44 ECU per tonne.

The rules on carry-over payments remain unchanged for the marketing year 1983/1984. The Commission will examine these rules as a whole with the aim of restricting expenditure. It will submit appropriate proposals for the following 1984/1985 marketing year.

Quality criteria for exports. The Council took note of a statement by the Commission that it is continuing discussions at expert level on quality criteria for exports, it being understood no decision will apply before the 1984/1985 marketing year.

Intervention cereals for animal feed. The Council took note of a statement by the Commission that it intends, after consulting the Management Committee, that about 2-3 million tonnes of cereals will be made available from intervention stocks for use in animal feed, in particular for pigs and poultry. In order to ensure that the advantages are fairly spread between Member States, 450 000 tonnes of feed cereals currently in intervention stocks elsewhere will be transferred to Italy, 50 000 tonnes to Ireland and 50 000 tonnes to Northern Ireland. The Council took note of a statement by the Commission that it intends to implement this decision as soon as possible.

Sorghum. The common single intervention price (184,58 ECU/tonne) will apply from the 1984/1985 marketing year to Sorghum. An arrangement will be introduced to apply the same levy to Triticale as that already applied to rye (amendment of the basic Regulation No 2727/75).

Greece. The Council requests the Commission to look into the problems arising as a result of the earlier wheat harvest in Greece.

RICE

The target and intervention prices of rice were increased as follows:

target price (husked rice)	+ 5,3%
intervention price (paddy rice)	+ 5,5%

The Council took note of a Commission statement that its review of the rice market organization is continuing and that it will submit to the Council during 1983 inter-related proposals concerning, inter alia,

- an upward revision of the intervention price in order to take account of developments in production costs;
- a revision of the basis of calculation of the milling and other costs currently taken into account for calculating the target and threshold prices;
- a revised system of classification, since the present division of rice into only two categories (long and round) no longer corresponds accurately to the production and market situation.

BEEF AND VEAL

The guide price and the intervention price for adult bovine animals were fixed as follows for the 1983/1984 marketing year:

guide price	:	207,09 ECU/100 kg (+ 5,5%) <sup>(1)</sup>
intervention price:		186,38 ECU/100 kg (+ 5,5%) <sup>(1)</sup>

on the understanding that the "stop-go" system of intervention buying practised for several years is to be maintained.

Community grid

The Council, recognizing the substantial progress which has been made in the technical work necessary before the Community grid can be applied to intervention purchases, instructed the Special Committee on Agriculture to continue this work with a view to the application of the Community grid to such purchases from 1 January 1984.

Premiums

The deficiency payment for suckler cows in Ireland and Northern Ireland, the calving premium paid in Greece, Ireland, Italy and Northern Ireland and the premium for the slaughter of certain adult bovine slaughter animals in the United Kingdom are to be maintained at their present level in the 1983/1984 marketing year; however, the Council asked the Commission to review the premiums in the beef and veal sector and to report to it by 1 August 1983 on their application and consequences.

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<sup>(1)</sup> In relation to the prices in force since 6 December 1982.



The Council also noted the Commission's intention to modify, through the Management Committee procedure, the text of Regulation (EEC) No 563/82 concerning the definition of carcasses from male animals under 2 years of age and its intention to use the same procedure in order to increase by three points the coefficients used for the calculation of buying-in prices for intervention in respect of steers in Ireland.

SHEEPMEAT

The basic price, the intervention price and the control reference price are to be increased by 5,5% for the 1983/1984 marketing year. As the reference price was previously adapted on the basis of the most recent price alignment, the % increase for each Member State will be as follows:

MEMBER STATE	% INCREASE
Italy	+ 3,30
France	+ 5,50
Denmark, Benelux, Federal Republic of Germany	+ 7,90
Ireland	+ 8,32
United Kingdom	+ 9,80
Northern Ireland	+ 9,80
Greece	+ 3,30

The Council took note of a Commission statement that it intends:

- to propose to the Management Committee the extension for a further marketing year of Regulation (EEC) No 3191/80 in its present form (claw-back);
- to propose to the Management Committee that there should be a maximum delay of 21 days between the certification and the slaughter of animals benefiting from the variable premium.

The Council took note of the Commission's statement that it would hold unofficial talks with supplier countries with the aim of programming their exports to Greece in an appropriate manner for the first six months of 1984.

PIGMEAT

The basic price of pig carcasses will be increased by 5,5% for the 1983/1984 marketing year (from 1 November 1983 to 31 October 1984).

Furthermore, the Council took note of a Commission statement that it would endeavour, through instruments available under the market organization, to manage the pigmeat market in such a way that

- the increase in the basic price would have corresponding effect on the market price;
- due account would be taken of regional difficulties.

The Council also invited the Commission to review the import mechanisms in the pigmeat sector, to make appropriate proposals and, if necessary, to modify Regulations (EEC) No 2764/75 or No 2766/75

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In view of the present market situation in the pigmeat sector, the Commission will shortly review in the Management Committee the various aspects of aid for private storage, including the level of aid.

SUGAR

The main prices were fixed as follows:

- basic price of sugar beet: 40,89 ECU/tonne (+ 4%)
- intervention price of white sugar: 53,47 ECU/100 kg ( + 4%)

The Council took note of the statement made by the Commission in response to the requests of Greece and Italy that the Commission should in due course, and at the latest, by the end of the year, submit the report provided for in Article 24 of Regulation No 1785/81.

OLIVE OIL

The Council decided to fix the production target price, the production aid and the intervention price for olive oil for the 1983/1984 marketing year at the following levels.

(a) production target price:	319,42 ECU/100 kg
(b) production aid :	
- for Greece :	40,52 ECU/100 kg
- for the other Member States :	70,26 ECU/100 kg
(c) intervention price :	229,92 ECU/100 kg

Furthermore, for the 1983/1984 marketing year, the Council decided to fix the amount of monthly increases in the representative market price, the intervention price and the threshold price for olive oil at 1,79 ECU/100 kg for a period of seven months as from 1 January 1984.

The Commission proposal for determining the cultivation areas for which olive oil production aid is to be granted was adopted.

The Council took note of a statement by the Commission that it would submit as soon as possible proposals relating to the

- improvement of controls relating to the production aid;
- rules on the organization of producer groups.

The Council took note of a Commission statement that, in addition to existing Commission support, it intended, under the programme for co-ordinating agricultural research into the development of new methods of controlling olive fly and other olive pests, to examine possible measures to assist Greece in strengthening the infrastructure of its plant-health service.

OILSEEDS

The Council recorded its agreement on an increase in the target price for colza and rapeseed to 428,20 ECU/tonne (+ 4%) and in the intervention price to 438,00 ECU/tonne (+ 4%). It agreed on the fixing of the guide price for sunflower seed at 577,10 ECU/tonne (+ 6%) and of the intervention price at 522,20 ECU/tonne (+ 6%).

The Council also agreed on an increase in the guide price for soya to 561,70 ECU/tonne (+ 6,5%) and on the fixing of the minimum price at 494,3 ECU/tonne (+ 6,5%).

The Council also recorded its agreement on a 6% increase in the guide price for flax seed and fixed the amount thereof at 545,9 ECU/tonne.

The Council took note of a Commission statement that it intends to propose that the differential amount for colza and sunflower seed should be calculated taking into account the long-term exchange rates of the various national currencies.

The Council also agreed on the maintenance of the guide price and minimum price for castor seed, fixing the amounts at 663,9 and 632,3 ECU/tonne respectively.

TOBACCO

The Council recorded its agreement on increases in the norm prices and on premiums ranging from 4 to 8,5% for the different varieties.

The Council decided to fix the intervention price at 85% of the norm price for the 1983 harvest for all varieties except Kentucky, Xanti-Yaka, Perustitza and Erzegovina (for which it is already fixed by Regulation (EEC) No 1535/81 at 80%).

The Council decided that, on the basis of a proposal from the Commission and subject to the Opinion of the European Parliament, it would be prepared to increase the Community funds provided for in Article 4 of Regulation (EEC) No 482/81 by 20 million ECU aid for the areas affected by the Italian earthquake.



The Council agreed to amend (on the basis of a Commission proposal and subject to the Opinion of the European Parliament) Regulations (EEC) No 2511/69 and No 1035/72 to the effect that the phasing out of the marketing premium for lemons, already decided by the Council, will be deferred for one marketing year (i.e. the 1983/1984 marketing year)). The established relationship between the basic price, the reference price and the marketing premiums will also be maintained.

WINE

The Council agreed on a 5,5% increase in the guide price for table wines, with the exception of the guide price for white wines of type AI for which there will be an increase of 6%. The guide prices for the period from 16 December 1983 to 15 December 1984 will be as follows:

Type of wine	Guide price
R I	3,45 ECU/% vol/hl
R II	3,45 ECU/% vol/hl
R III	53,84 ECU/hl
A I	3,20 ECU/% vol/hl
A II	71,74 ECU/hl
A III	81,93 ECU/hl

Without prejudice to the Opinion of the European Parliament, the Council was in favour of abolishing, as from 16 December 1983, the compensatory accession amount levied on liqueur wines produced in Greece. It will take a decision in due course in accordance with Article 60 of the Act of Accession, acting on a proposal from the Commission and in the light of the European Parliament's Opinion.

Storage aid will be granted (in respect of a maximum of 25% of the wine produced) for white quality wines from the 1982 harvest originating in wine-growing zone A.

The Council decided that the wine year will start on 1 September as from 1984.

The Council also adopted a provision concerning the adoption of measures intended to encourage the widening of the market for table wines both within and outside the Community.

The Council also adopted, in the official languages of the Communities, Regulations:

- amending Regulation (EEC) No 456/80 on the granting of temporary and permanent abandonment premiums in respect of certain areas under vines and of premiums for the renunciation of replanting;
- amending Regulation (EEC) No 458/80 on collective projects for the restructuring of vineyards.

DRIED FODDER

The Council recorded its agreement on

- an increase of 6% in the flat-rate production aid (8,49 ECU/tonne);
- an increase of 6% in the guide price (178,94 ECU/tonne);
- the fixing of aid amounting to 15,78 ECU/tonne (+ 6%) for dehydrated potatoes for the 1983/1984 marketing year.

In accordance with Article 60 of the Act of Accession, the guide price for dried fodder in Greece will be fixed as from 1983/1984 at the level of the Community price (178,94 ECU per tonne). The Council noted that the Commission is examining the Greek delegation's request regarding the application of Community aid for artificially dehydrated potatoes produced in Greece.

The Council took note of a statement by the Commission that it is considering proposing the inclusion of lupins in the scope of the support applicable to certain protein crops (peas and field beans) as from the beginning of the 1984/1985 marketing year.

COTTON

The Council recorded its agreement on an increase of 8% in the target price and the minimum price for cotton.

FLAX AND HEMP

The Council recorded its agreement on an increase of 6% in the flat-rate aid per hectare, fixing its level for flax at

118,37 ECU and for hemp at  
107,51.

SILKWORMS

The Council recorded its agreement on an increase in aid, raising it to 84,01 ECU/box.

PEAS AND FIELD BEANS

The Council recorded its agreement on an increase of 6,5% in the minimum price (291,9 ECU/tonne) and of 8,7% in the trigger price (517,6 ECU/tonne).

The Council also recorded its agreement on the proposal for a regulation laying down adaptation amounts in this sector.

The Council took note of a Commission statement that it will submit a proposal for extending the aid scheme for peas and field beans intended for human consumption before the end of the 1983/1984 marketing year.

SEEDS

The Council recorded its agreement on differentiated increases of about 10% for the four main groups of seeds.

The Council took note of a statement by the Commission that it will closely follow interest trends and is prepared to examine arrangements for the payment of interest at a uniform rate and to submit a report on this to the Council on 1 October 1983.

FRUIT AND VEGETABLES

The basic prices and buying-in prices are generally to be increased by 5.5%. However, the prices for peaches, lemons, table grapes, oranges, apricots, aubergines and cauliflowers will be increased by 6.5%. In Greece, the effect of this increase and of the price alignment comes to 13.3% and 15.1% for peaches and oranges respectively.

The basic price and the buying-in price for apples and pears have been increased by 3.5% and the marketing premium for oranges, by 6.5%.

The basic price for tomatoes has been increased by 3.5%.

The Council took note of a statement by the Commission that, in view of the production season in the Overseas Departments of France, it intends to establish reference prices for aubergines from 1 April 1984.

The proposals submitted by the Commission on 10 March 1983 concerning the processing of fruit and vegetables should be examined without delay by the Special Committee on Agriculture. The Council is to decide on them by 31 July 1983.

## STRUCTURAL POLICY

### Greece

The Council agreed to adopt long-term Community measures, to be implemented from the coming marketing year for

- the development of agricultural advisory services
- the launching of an agricultural irrigation programme (similar to that provided for in Regulation (EEC) No 1362/78).

12 million ECU are to be made available from the Community budget.

The Council invited the Commission to submit a proposal for this purpose forthwith.

### Beef production in Ireland and Northern Ireland

The Council agreed to extend to 30 April 1984, the duration of Regulation (EEC) No 1054/81 for the development of beef production in Ireland and Northern Ireland, in particular as far as the updated aid for artificial insemination and use of lime is concerned. The financial contribution of the guidance section of the fund to the financing of this extension is estimated at 10 MECU.

The Council invited the Commission to submit a proposal for this purpose forthwith.

### Italy

The Council recognized the obstacles in the way of the efficient implementation of common structural measures in Italy, in particular in the case of stockfarming; initial implementation of Regulation (EEC) No 1944/81 for adaptation and modernization of the structure of production of beef and veal, sheepmeat and goatmeat are proving difficult.



In order to facilitate effective implementation of this regulation, the Council agreed to authorize the Italian Government to grant aid to convert short-term loans contracted before 30 September 1983 by beneficiaries of this regulation into medium-term loans.

This aid may exceptionally be extended to stock holdings situated in Italian regions other than those defined in the above regulation.

The Community's contribution to expenditure relating to the application of the measures above is set at 60 million ECU to be charged to the Chapter "Other Agricultural Expenditure".

The Council invited the Commission to present proposals to this end.

United Kingdom

The Council, taking into account the urgent need to speed up the structural and technical modernization of pig processing in the United Kingdom, decided to grant a special aid of 10 million ECU, to be charged in 1983 and 1984 to the Chapter on "Other Agricultural Expenditure". This aid is to be used for the financing of projects submitted by the United Kingdom Government, provided they conform to the corresponding rules of Regulation (EEC) No 355/77 on the processing and marketing of agricultural products.

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The Council also invited the Commission to study urgently the effects of current inflationary trends on the efficiency of common agricultural structural measures as well as on normal management of farms.

The Council asked the Commission to submit its conclusions without delay.

FINANCIAL CONSEQUENCES

The Council took note of a Commission statement that the net impact of these decisions on the budget, that is the additional expenditure from the EAGGF minus the increase in agricultural own resources, would be about 435 million ECU in 1983 and about 810 million ECU in 1984.

The Commission will in due course present a preliminary draft supplementary budget for 1983 taking account both of the impact of the decisions on 1983/1984 agricultural prices and related measures and of recent developments on agricultural markets; this supplementary budget will respect the existing limits of the Community's own resources.

As regards 1984, the Commission estimates that the order of magnitude of EAGGF Guarantee expenditure, taking account of developments in the first part of 1983 and of the 1983/1984 price decisions, will total 16 000 to 17 000 million ECU.

The Commission drew attention to the rate of increase in EAGGF Guarantee expenditure which, in view of recent developments, is now increasing more rapidly than potential own resources. This trend is expected to continue in 1984. The Commission could offer no assurance that the demands of agricultural expenditure in 1984 together with the budgetary demands of other Community policies could be met within the existing limit of own resources.

MISCELLANEOUS DECISIONS

Trade questions and customs union

The Council adopted, in the official languages of the Communities, Regulations:

- temporarily and totally suspending the Common Customs Tariff duties on certain niobium alloy products falling within subheadings ex 81.04 H I and H II;
- temporarily suspending the autonomous Common Customs Tariff duties for certain products intended for use in the construction, maintenance and repair of aircraft;
- opening, allocating and providing for the administration of a Community tariff quota for certain eels falling within subheading ex 03.01 A II of the Common Customs Tariff (1 July 1983 to 30 June 1984);
- opening, allocating and providing for the administration of a Community tariff quota for processing work in respect of certain textile products under the Community outward processing traffic;
- temporarily suspending the autonomous Common Customs Tariff duties on certain industrial products;
- opening, allocating and providing for the administration of a Community tariff quota for yarn of poly ("p"-phenyleneterephthalamide) for use in the manufacture of tyres or of products used in the manufacture of tyres falling within subheading ex 51.01 A of the Common Customs Tariff;
- opening, allocating and providing for the administration of a Community tariff quota for sweet clear fleshed cherries, marinated in alcohol and intended for the manufacture of chocolate products, falling within subheading ex 20.06 B I e) 2bb) of the Common Customs Tariff;
- temporarily suspending the autonomous Common Customs Tariff duties on a number of agricultural products;
- opening, allocating and providing for the administration of a Community tariff quota for certain wines having a registered designation of origin, falling within subheading ex 22.05 C of the Common Customs Tariff and originating in Morocco (1983/1984);
- opening, allocating and providing for the administration of a Community tariff quota for new potatoes falling within subheading 07.01 A II b) of the Common Customs Tariff and originating in Cyprus (1983).

The Council also adopted in the official languages of the Communities, the Decision concerning the conclusion of the Agreement in the form of agreed minutes between the European Economic Community and the Republic of Austria negotiated pursuant to Article XXVIII of the GATT with regard to certain frozen, prepared or preserved vegetables.

Elimination of technical barriers

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities,  
Directives:

- amending Directive 77/728/EEC on the approximation of the laws, regulations and administrative provisions of the Member States relating to the classification, packaging and labelling of paints, varnishes, printing inks, adhesives and similar products;
- amending for the fourth time Directive 76/769/EEC on the approximation of the laws, regulations and administrative provisions of the Member States relating to restrictions on the marketing and use of certain dangerous substances and preparations.

Additional agricultural decision

The Council adopted, in the official languages of the Communities a Council Regulation amending Regulation (EEC) No 1431/82 laying down special measures for peas and field beans.

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PRESS RELEASE

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843rd meeting of the Council  
- Economic and Financial Questions -  
Brussels, 16 May 1983

President: Mr Gerhard STOLTENBERG,  
Federal Minister for Finance  
of the Federal Republic of Germany

The Governments of the Member States and the Commission of the European Communities were represented as follows:

Belgium:

Mr Willy DE CLERCQ  
Deputy Prime Minister,  
Minister for Finance

Denmark:

Mr Henning CHRISTOPHERSEN  
Minister for Finance

Germany:

Mr Gerhard STOLTENBERG  
Federal Minister for Finance

Mr Hans TIETMEYER  
State Secretary  
Federal Ministry of Finance

Greece:

Mr Gerasimos ARSENIS  
Minister for National Economic  
Affairs

France:

Mr Jacques DELORS  
Minister for Economic Affairs  
and Finance

Ireland:

Mr Allan DUKES  
Minister for Finance

Italy:

Mr Giovanni GORIA  
Minister of the Treasury

Luxembourg:

Mr Jacques SANTER  
Minister for Finance

Netherlands:

Mr P. KORTEWEG  
General Treasurer,  
Ministry of Finance

United Kingdom:

Sir Geoffrey HOWE  
Chancellor of the Exchequer

Commission:

Mr François-Xavier ORTOLI - Vice President  
Mr Karl-Heinz NARJES - Member

COMMUNITY LOAN IN FAVOUR OF THE FRENCH REPUBLIC

The Council agreed to the Decision concerning a Community loan in favour of the French Republic.

Pursuant to this Decision, the Community is granting the French Republic, under Regulation (EEC) No 682/81, a loan of 4,000 million ECU or the equivalent amount in other currencies.

The loan will be granted in one amount and will be made available to the French Republic as soon as the borrowing operations are completed.

The loan is granted on the basis of a decision taken by the reciprocal Member State to put into effect, in accordance with the adjustment programme which it has presented the measures of economic and monetary policy which are cited in the considerations justifying this decision, which are aimed, in particular, at reducing the rate of inflation, re-establishing a sustainable balance-of-payments position and ensuring a better convergence of economic performances within the Community while respecting the obligations which flow from the Treaty.

This programme includes in particular the following measures:

1. Reduction of public deficits, notably by setting a limit of 3% of GDP on the budget deficits for 1983 and 1984, re-establishing and preserving equilibrium in the social-security and unemployment-insurance accounts in 1983 and 1984 and reducing the deficits of the large national enterprises.

2. Reduction of the target for the rate of growth of the money supply for 1983 from 10% to 9%, which will result in a marked reduction in the rate of domestic credit expansion.
3. Encouragement for the development of savings.
4. Perseverance with efforts to eliminate indexation both of costs and incomes throughout the economy.



COMPANY LAW: 7th DIRECTIVE ON CONSOLIDATED ACCOUNTS

After intensive preparatory work, the Council approved the seventh Directive on the consolidated accounts of groups of undertakings.

This Directive obliges the Member States to adapt their national laws governing the form and content of the consolidated accounts of groups of undertakings to the provisions of this Directive. Provisions will thus be introduced, in the case of most Member States for the first time, concerning the drawing up of consolidated accounts according to internationally recognized criteria. On so doing, the Community is establishing reference points of worldwide significance for this sector. Work in the context of the UN and the OECD, in particular, should be influenced positively thereby.

The seventh Directive supplements the fourth Directive on the annual accounts of companies which applies to approximately 2 million companies with share capital.

Together the two instruments create the transparency necessary for the smooth operation of the capital market and promote a favourable climate for investment. An important contribution is made at the same time by the Community to the development of the internal market and, in particular, of a single investment area.

The seventh Directive concerns groups which are constituted by companies with share capital within the meaning of the fourth Directive. A group's consolidated accounts must include all dependent undertakings regardless of where their registered office is situated. This inclusion takes place in accordance with uniform methods. The group is considered an economic entity and is treated as a single undertaking. Internal operations of the group, in particular profits and losses, will be omitted from the consolidated accounts; a realistic picture will thus be given of the financial situation and results of the group.

Taking the cost factor into account, the Directive stipulates that, as from a 90% shareholding and under certain conditions, Member States may exempt a group from submitting subconsolidations where the accounts of that part of the group are incorporated in accounts consolidated at Community level. Under certain conditions, Member States may recognize consolidated accounts from third countries and grant exemptions concerning them.

In the interests of small and medium-sized undertakings, member States are authorized to exempt certain groups which do not exceed a certain size from the obligations of the Directive. This is the case where two of the following three limits are not exceeded:

4 MECU	total balance sheet
8 MECU	turnover
250	staff employed.

These limits may be increased by the year 2000 to:

10 MECU	total balance sheet
20 MECU	turnover
500	staff employed.

Member States must require their undertakings to apply this Directive as from the financial year 1990 at the latest.

Application of the Directive will be reviewed in 1995 in the light of the experience gained and economic developments in order to determine whether amendments or adjustments are necessary.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE COMMISSION

The Council heard a report by Vice-President ORTOLI introducing the Commission communications on:

- financial integration in the Community
- fiscal and financial measures in favour of investment
- promotion of the international role of the ECU.

The Council instructed the relevant Community bodies to prepare its discussions on this subject.

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DELEGATION OF THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

PRESS AND INFORMATION

844th Meeting of the Council

ACP Coordinating Meeting

19th and 20th May, 1983

No Press Release Issued

PRESS RELEASE

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845th Council meeting

- Foreign Affairs -

Brussels, 24 and 25 May 1983

President: Mr Hans-Dietrich GENSCHER

Federal Minister for Foreign Affairs  
of the Federal Republic of Germany

The Governments of the Member States and the Commission of the European Communities were represented as follows:

Belgium:

Mr Leo TINDEMANS Minister for External Relations  
Mr Paul de KEERSMAEKER State Secretary for European Affairs and Agriculture

Denmark:

Mr Uffe ELLEMANN-JENSEN Minister for Foreign Affairs  
Mr Jonathan MOTZFELDT Prime Minister of Greenland  
Mr Otto MØLLER State Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Germany:

Mr Hans-Dietrich GENSCHER Federal Minister for Foreign Affairs  
Mr Hans-Werner LAUTENSCHLAGER State Secretary, Federal Ministry of Foreign Affairs  
Mr Otto SCHLECHT State Secretary, Federal Ministry of Economic Affairs

Greece:

Mr Yannis CHARALAMBOPOULOS Minister for Foreign Affairs  
Mr Grigoris VARFIS State Secretary for Economic Co-ordination responsible for relations with the European Communities  
Mr Antonios GEORGIADES State Secretary, Ministry of the National Economy

France:

Mr Claude CHL.YSSON Minister for Foreign Relations  
Mr André CHANDERNAGOR Minister attached to the Minister for Foreign Relations, responsible for European Affairs

Ireland:

Mr P. BARRY Minister for Foreign Affairs

Italy:

Mr Emilio COLOMBO

Minister for Foreign Affairs

Mr Mario FIORET

State Secretary, Ministry of  
Foreign Affairs

Luxembourg:

Miss Colette FLESCHE

Vice-President of the Government,  
Minister for Foreign Affairs

Netherlands:

Mr F. BOLKESTEIN

Minister for Foreign Trade

Mr W.F. van EEKELEN

State Secretary for Foreign  
Affairs

United Kingdom:

Mr Francis Pym

Secretary of State for Foreign  
and Commonwealth Affairs

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Commission:

Mr Gaston THORN

President

Mr Wilhelm HAFERKAMP

Vice-President

Mr Lorenzo NATALI

Vice-President

Mr Christopher TUGENDHAT

Vice-President

Mr Antonio GIOLITTI

Member

Mr Richard BURKE

Member

Mr Edgar DISANI

Member

Mr Karl-Heinz NARJES

Member

Before opening its proceedings the Council paid tribute to Jean REY, a major European figure in the early days of the Community who worked for European unification from the 50s to the 80s in three of the Community Institutions: as a Belgian Minister presiding over the Council of the ECSC, as first President of the single Commission and as a Member of the European Parliament.



COUNCIL STATEMENT ON THE NEXT ELECTION OF MEMBERS OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

1. After consulting the European Parliament, the Council has fixed the period 14 to 17 June 1984 as the dates for the next election of members of the European Parliament.
2. The Council welcomes the fact that next year the peoples of the States brought together in the Community will, for the second time, freely elect their representatives to the European Parliament by direct universal suffrage.
3. As in the first elections held in 1979, nationals of the Member States of the Community will vote in accordance with democratic procedures adopted nationally. However, the task, defined in the Treaties establishing the European Communities, of laying down a uniform electoral procedure applicable in all the Member States, remains essential. To this end the European Parliament has submitted a draft in accordance with the provisions of the Treaties. The Council will pursue its work on introducing a uniform electoral procedure for the elections which will take place in 1989.
4. The Council invites the citizens of the Member States of the Community to mark their interest in the task of European unification by participating actively in the elections. It notes that national legislations allow the vast majority of their nationals who live in the Community, though not in their countries of origin, to take part in the next elections. The Member States will co-operate to facilitate the exercise of the right to vote.
5. Within the framework of the construction of Europe the Council appeals to the Member States to make every effort, as far as possible, to fulfil the objective that all nationals of Member States should have the right to vote in the election of members of the European Parliament, either in their country of origin or in their country of residence.



PREPARATIONS FOR THE WILLIAMSBURG ECONOMIC SUMMIT

The Council completed its preparation of the Community position for the Western economic summit in Williamsburg on 28 and 29 May 1983 on the basis of the conclusions of the President of the Council on Economic and Financial Affairs held on 18 April 1983 of a Commission communication.

PREPARATIONS FOR UNCTAD VI

The Council examined the remaining unresolved problems in connection with the Community approach to UNCTAD VI and instructed the Permanent Representatives Committee to finalize this approach in the light of the day's discussions.

STRENGTHENING OF THE COMMON COMMERCIAL POLICY

The Council held a discussion on the proposal for a Regulation on the strengthening of the common commercial policy with regard in particular to protection against illicit commercial practices.

The proposal will also be examined at the meeting of the Council on the Internal Market on 26 May 1983. The Council reserved the possibility of discussing this proposal further at a later date.

## REVIEW OF THE ERDF

To expedite its work on this matter, the Council concentrated its discussion on certain fundamental issues, particularly ways of ensuring in the allocation of quotas to the Member States that ERDF resources were more highly concentrated on the least-prosperous regions and the fixing of the non-quota section.

As no progress was made in the discussions, the Council took note of delegations' positions and referred the matter as it stood to the Permanent Representatives Committee.

## GREENLAND

Following the speeches by the Danish minister and the Prime Minister of Greenland on the importance which the Greenland authorities attached to defining Greenland's future relations with the Community, the Council conducted a detailed discussion of the essential problems arising from Greenland's request to leave the Community.

The Council was prepared, without prejudice to the Opinion of the European Parliament on the subject, to enter into substantive negotiations on a new status for Greenland in pursuance of the wish of the people of Greenland to leave the Community.

The Council instructed the Permanent Representatives Committee to examine the question as a matter of priority in the light of the day's discussion and to report to the Council for its meeting at the end of June.

MISCELLANEOUS DECISIONS

Trade questions

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities the decisions:

- authorizing the Commission to negotiate an agreement with Mexico on the mutual recognition and possible control of designations of origin of certain spirituous beverages;
- authorizing the extension or tacit renewal of certain trade agreements concluded between the Member States and third countries.

The Council also adopted in the official languages of the Communities the regulations:

- extending the provisional anti-dumping duty on 4,4'-isopropylene-diphenol originating in the United States of America;
- amending Regulation (EEC) No 812/80 with respect to imports into the Benelux countries of jute yarn originating in India;
- opening, allocating and providing for the administration of Community tariff quotas for
  - = Setubal muscatel wines
  - = Verde wines
  - = Dão winesfalling within heading ex 22.05 of the Common Customs Tariff, originating in Portugal (1983/1984).

Research

The Council gave its assent, pursuant to Article 55(2)(c) of the ECSC Treaty, to a coal research programme (budget year 1983).

Energy

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities the recommendations to the Member States concerning the encouragement of investment in the conversion or reconversion:

- of oil-fired installations to solid fuels in industry
- to solid fuel of oil-fired boilers in public buildings and in district heating systems.

Appointments

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities the decision appointing members and alternate members of the Committee of the European Social Fund for the period from 1983 to 1985:

1. GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVES

	(a) <u>Members</u>		(b) <u>Alternates</u>
Belgium	M. J. DENYS	M. A. ANDRE	M. P. CHEVREMONT
Denmark	Mme B. KONDRUP	M. H. BOSERUP	M. J. NØRLOV
Germany	Dr. R. MILLER	Graf von WESTPHALEN	Dr. G.F. FAUST
France	M. J.C. SOMMAIRE	M. ADHEMAR	M. M. RAMOND
Greece	Mme E. DRITSA	M. A. BOUGAS	M. D. CHARAGEORGOPOULOS
Ireland	M. P. LEONARD	M. M. SHERLOCK	Miss M. CULLINAN
Italy	Avv. A. GALLO	Dr. M. CAPPETTA	Dr. DE ANGELIS
Luxembourg	M. R. SCHINTGEN	M. Y. MERSCH	M. A. SCHROEDER
Netherlands	M. W.A. RENARDEL de LAVALETTE	M. P. HOOGLAND	M. J.W.S. PABON
United Kingdom	M. W.R.B. ROBINSON	M. R.A. NIVEN	M. J.M. CURRIE

## 2. REPRESENTATIVES OF EMPLOYERS' ORGANIZATIONS

	(a) <u>Members</u>		(b) <u>Alternates</u>
Belgium	M. D. DE NORRE	M. R. DUSSENNE	M. G. OTTENBOURGH
Denmark	M. H.S. CHRISTENSEN	Mme B. JOHANSEN	M. N.J. HANSEN
Germany	Dr. M. HAUSHOFER	Dr. W.D. LINDNER	M. R. EBERT
France	M. J.F. RETCURNARD	M. B. CARON	M. C. ANIS
Greece	M. L.F. KOSKOS	M. C. CHARAKAS	.....
Ireland	Dr. J. F. O'BRIEN	M. C. POWER	Dr. A. O'BOYLE
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## 3. REPRESENTATIVES OF WORKERS' ORGANIZATIONS

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France	M. B. DIZIER	M. J. TESSIER	M. A. FAESCH
Greece	M. P. EVSTATHIOU	M. E. GEORGIU	M. J. MARTZOS
Ireland	M. P. CARDIFF	M. D. NEVIN	M. D. MURPHY
Italy	M. L. ZANIER	M. A. SERGI	M. A. REGINI
Luxembourg	M. J. CASTEGNARO	M. M. MERSCH	M. H. DUNKEL
Netherlands	M. P.H. HUGENHOLTZ	M. B. PRONK	M. H. WEGGELAAR
United Kingdom	M. W.H. KEYS	M. K. GRAHAM	M. F.A. BAKER

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GENERAL SECRETARIAT

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846th meeting of the Council

- Agriculture -

Brussels, 25 and 26 May 1983

President: Mr Ignaz KIECHLE,

Federal Minister for Food,  
Agriculture and Forestry of  
the Federal Republic of Germany



The Governments of the Member States and the Commission of the European Communities were represented as follows:

Belgium:

Mr Paul de KEERSMAEKER  
State Secretary for  
European Affairs and  
Agriculture

Denmark:

Mr H.J. KRISTENSEN  
Permanent Secretary,  
Ministry of Agriculture  
  
Mr Jørgen HERTOFT  
Permanent Secretary,  
Ministry of Fisheries

Germany:

Mr Ignaz KIECHLE  
Federal Minister for Food,  
Agriculture and Forestry

Greece:

Mr Costas SIMITIS  
Minister for Agriculture

Mr Hans-Jürgen ROHR  
State Secretary,  
Federal Ministry for Food,  
Agriculture and Forestry

France:

Mr Michel ROCARD  
Minister for Agriculture

Ireland:

Mr Austin DEASY  
Minister for Agriculture

Italy:

Mr Calogero MANNINO  
Minister for Agriculture  
  
Mr Mario CAMPAGNOLI  
State Secretary,  
Ministry of Agriculture

Luxembourg:

Mr Ernest MÜHLEN  
Minister for Agriculture,  
Viticulture, Water Control  
and Forests

Netherlands:

Mr G. BRAKS  
Minister for Agriculture and  
Fisheries

United Kingdom:

Mr M.D.M. FRANKLIN  
Director-General,  
Ministry of Agriculture,  
Fisheries and Food

Commission

Mr Poul DALSGER - Member  
Mr Georges CONTOGEOGIS - Member

"ACQUIS COMMUNAUTAIRE"

In accordance with its brief from the European Council of 21 and 22 March 1983, and on the basis of a report from the Special Committee on Agriculture drawn up in the light of the compromise suggestions put forward by the Presidency, the Council continued examining the changes in the "acquis communautaire" for Mediterranean agricultural products both as regards the fruit and vegetables sector and the olive oil sector.

The Council's discussions centred chiefly on identifying the main points of a solution likely to accommodate the various positions on the major problems in the two sectors concerned, namely:

- Fruit and vegetables

= internal aspects

- . strengthening producers' organizations;
- . extension of the rules to cover non-member producers;
- . intervention in cases of serious crisis on wholesale markets;

= external aspects

- . the inclusion of new products under the reference-price arrangements;
- . new method for calculating the reference price;
- . taking the Community price into consideration when calculating the entry price.

- Olive oil

- = definition of the basic objectives to be pursued in the context of accession;
- = adoption by 1 November 1983 of measures for the producers' organizations, in particular as regards surveillance;
- = institution of a transitional period during which the applicant countries' systems would remain unchanged for competing oils;
- = decision by the end of 1983 on the other issues still under discussion, notably relating to the aid arrangements, olive oil competing oils twice ratio and financial aspects.

At the end of its discussion and in order to expedite its work the Council agreed to instruct a working party of Directors-General with responsibility for markets to examine the main problems still under discussion in the fruit and vegetables and olive oil sectors and to submit a brief and specific report to it for its meeting on 13 and 14 June 1983, so that the Council could as far as possible on that occasion reach conclusions for submission to the European Council.

FISHERIES POLICY - HERRING

The Council examined a proposal fixing provisional quota allocations of herring stock in the northern and central North Sea, and recorded that it could not at this stage take a decision. However, in view of the urgent need to reach agreement on the opening of "maatjes" fishing, it took the procedural steps required for this purpose.

MISCELLANEOUS DECISIONS

Other agricultural decisions

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities:

- the Council Directive amending Directive 82/400/EEC amending Directive 77/391/EEC and introducing a supplementary Community measure for the eradication of brucellosis, tuberculosis and leucosis in cattle;
- the Regulation amending Regulation (EEC) No 1055/81 introducing temporary financial aid from the Community to Ireland for pre-movement tuberculin testing and brucellosis blood sampling of cattle.

The Council also adopted in the official languages of the Communities the Decisions:

- amending Decision 80/1096/EEC introducing Community financial measures for the eradication of classical swine fever;
- amending Decision 80/1097/EEC on financial aid from the Community for the eradication of African swine fever in Sardinia.

Lastly, the Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities:

- the Regulation on the transfer of 550 000 tonnes of common wheat of breadmaking quality by the French and German intervention agencies;
- the directives for the negotiations with the ACP States referred to in Protocol No 7 to the second ACP-EEC Convention concerning the guaranteed prices applicable to cane sugar in the 1983-1984 delivery period.

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PRESS RELEASE

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847th Council meeting

- Internal Market -

Brussels, 26 May 1983

President: Otto Graf LAMBSDORFF,

Federal Minister for Economic Affairs  
of the Federal Republic of Germany

The Governments of the Member States and the Commission of the European Communities were represented as follows:

Belgium:

Mr Paul de KEERSMAEKER  
State Secretary for European  
Affairs and Agriculture

Denmark:

Mr Flemming HEDEGAARD  
Deputy Permanent Representative

Germany:

Otto Graf LAMSDORFF  
Federal Minister for Economic  
Affairs

Greece:

Mr Theodoros PANGALOS  
State Secretary,  
Ministry of Commerce

Mr Otto SCHLECHT  
State Secretary, Federal Ministry  
for Economic Affairs

France:

Mr André CHANDERNAGOR  
Minister delegate to the Ministry  
for Foreign Affairs, with  
responsibility for European  
Affairs

Ireland:

Mr James O'KEEFFE  
Minister of State at the  
Department of Foreign Affairs  
Mr M. MOYNIHAN  
Minister of State at the  
Department of Commerce and  
Tourism

Italy:

Mr Mario FIORET  
State Secretary,  
Ministry for Foreign Affairs

Luxembourg:

Mr Jean MISCHO  
Deputy Permanent Representative

Netherlands:

Mr F. BOLKESTEIN  
Minister for Foreign Trade  
Mr W.F. van EEKELEN  
State Secretary, Ministry  
for Foreign Affairs

United Kingdom

Mr David ELLIOTT  
Deputy Permanent Representative

Commission:

Mr Wilhelm HAFERKAMP - Vice-President  
Mr Christopher TUGENDHAT - Vice-President  
Mr Karl-Heinz NARJES - Member

COMMUNITY CERTIFICATION

The Council resumed its discussion on Community certification for products originating in third countries. The establishment of such a "third country clause" for Community certification will be a positive factor in the further harmonization of technical specifications for industrial products. Agreement on this clause will in particular make it possible to adopt a series of directives where the only question outstanding is that of their application to products from third countries.

The Council's discussions centred chiefly on the decision-making procedures in accordance with which derogation measures could be taken within the framework of the instrument in respect of third-country certification.

The debate helped to further clarify the Member States' positions and showed the usefulness of more detailed examination of certain aspects.

The Council accordingly instructed the Permanent Representatives Committee to continue examining the matter in the light of that day's debate and to report back to it in time for its next meeting, scheduled for 21 June.



STRENGTHENING OF THE COMMON COMMERCIAL POLICY

The Council examined the key questions regarding the proposal for a Regulation on the strengthening of the common commercial policy with regard in particular to protection against unfair commercial practices.

This proposal had already been discussed at the General Affairs Council on 24 and 25 May.

The Council's discussions focussed in particular on the desirability of creating a new Community instrument in this area and on the decision-making machinery to be adopted.

In conclusion, the Council instructed the Permanent Representatives Committee to press ahead with its examination of the proposal in the light of that day's debate, with a view to preparing bases for a decision on the main issues. To that end it called upon the Commission and the delegations to give consideration to compromise solutions which might help to bring positions closer together.

SIMPLIFICATION OF TRADE FORMALITIES WITHIN THE COMMUNITY

The Council continued its examination of four proposals in the field of the simplification of trade formalities within the Community.

Single document

At the end of a debate on this point, the Council agreed in principle to the simplification aimed at by the proposals relating to the single document. It emphasized the importance of the next stage in the proceedings, which should lead to the harmonization of the information to be given in trade within the Community and enable the information required to be reduced to a strict minimum.

Deferred payment of VAT on imports (14th Directive)

The Council heard a statement by the Commission on the latter's contacts with a number of delegations with a view to overcoming their objections to the proposal for a Directive.

It instructed the Permanent Representatives Committee to resume its work on the matter as soon as the Commission made known the result of its further efforts.

Formalities and inspections relating to the carriage of goods  
between Member States

The Council resumed its discussion on the matter of the facilitation of formalities and inspections in respect of the carriage of goods between Member States, focussing its attention in particular on the main problems, notably the application of the Directive to goods carried by ships and aircraft and the problem of the opening hours of frontier posts.

At the end of the discussion the Council instructed the Permanent Representatives Committee to resume its examination of this subject matter with a view to submitting an overall solution as soon as possible.

Intra-Community movement of goods for temporary use

Following an exchange of views on this issue, the Council asked the Permanent Representatives Committee to press ahead with its work on the matter by trying to identify all the conditions and procedures which would make it possible, within the framework of the arrangements proposed, to dispense as far as possible with the obligation to provide a guarantee.

## MEDICINAL PRODUCTS

At the end of its discussion the Council called upon the Permanent Representatives Committee to examine this question in greater detail and to report to it at its next meeting.

## ASBESTOS

The Council gave its agreement in principle, subject to finalization of the texts, to a Directive aimed at protecting public health as regards asbestos and products containing asbestos which, when used, may release fibres and dust which are harmful to human health.

To this end the Directive provides, in the first stage, for the prohibition, albeit coupled with exceptions, of the marketing and use of one such fibre, namely crocidolite (blue asbestos), and lays down special provisions on the labelling of all products containing asbestos. Work on the use of other asbestos fibres is to continue without delay.

## TRANSNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT OF THE SUPPORTING INFRASTRUCTURE FOR INNOVATION AND TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER

The Council examined a proposal for a Decision concerning a plan for the transnational development of the supporting infrastructure for innovation and technology transfer.

The Council established pointers which it instructed the Permanent Representatives Committee to examine further for its next meeting.

TEXTILE NAMES

The Council asked the Permanent Representatives Committee to continue its examination of the draft Directive on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to textile names, in order to resolve the last remaining problems in this connection.

DEFECTIVE PRODUCTS

The Council held an exchange of views on the proposal for a Directive on the approximation of the laws concerning liability for defective products.

It called upon the Permanent Representatives Committee to continue its work on the matter and to report to it as soon as possible.

FISHERIES POLICY - HERRING ("MAATJES")

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities a Regulation allocating, provisionally and without prejudice to the definitive allocation of TACs for North Sea herring in 1983, the following quotas for the fishing of herring in the northern and central North Sea (zones IVa and b):

DK	1000 tonnes
D	1000 tonnes
F	1000 tonnes
NL	3000 tonnes
UK	3000 tonnes

This Regulation is applicable as from 28 May 1983.

MISCELLANEOUS DECISIONS

Commercial policy

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities:

- the regulation extending the provisional anti-dumping duty on a chemical fertilizer originating in the United States of America;
- the Decision on the signature and notification of provisional application of the International Agreement on Jute and Jute Products, 1982.

Technical barriers

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities the Directive amending Directive 76/756/EEC on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to the installation of lighting and light-signalling devices on motor vehicles and their trailers.

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