



COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

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Proposal for a
COUNCIL DECISION
FIXING THE AMOUNT OF THE
COMMUNITY FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION FOR 1997 TO EXPENDITURE
INCURRED BY THE SWEDISH AUTHORITIES FOR THE RELEASE OF
SMOLT

(presented by the Commission)

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

Article 125 of the Act of Accession of Austria, Finland and Sweden provides that for three years from the date of its accession Sweden will benefit from a Community financial contribution to the financing of the release of smolt in the Baltic

This Community contribution, which must be the subject of a decision by the Council, acting by a qualified majority on a proposal from the Commission, must be assessed in the light of the balances existing immediately before accession.

The contribution corresponds to that previously paid by the Community to Sweden under the bilateral agreement on certain measures for the purpose of promoting the reproduction of salmon in the Baltic Sea.

Council Regulation (EEC) No 2210/80 of 27 June 1980 on the agreement between the European Economic Community and the Government of Sweden on certain measures for the purpose of promoting the reproduction of salmon in the Baltic¹ provides that the amount of the contribution must be determined so as to cover the actual costs to the Swedish authorities of breeding, tagging and releasing the quantity of smolt necessary to produce a quantity of salmon equal to the non-reciprocal quota allocated to the Community in the Swedish fishery zone for the year during which the contribution is to be granted.

Since the total catch from stock permitted in 1997 has been reduced, the amount of the financial contribution has been calculated by applying the reduction coefficient proportionally to the data existing immediately before accession.

¹ J No L 126, 29.4.1980, p.7.

Proposal for a Council Decision fixing the amount of the Community financial contribution for 1997 to expenditure incurred by the Swedish authorities for the release of smolt

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to the Act of Accession of Austria, Finland and Sweden, and in particular Article 125 thereof,

Whereas Article 125 of the Act of Accession provides that the Council, acting as a qualified majority on a proposal from the Commission, must fix annually the amount of the Community's financial contribution to the release of smolt carried out by the competent Swedish authorities;

Whereas that financial contribution must be approved in the light of the balances existing immediately before Sweden's accession;

Whereas Council Regulation (EEC) No 2210/80 of 27 June 1980 on the agreement between the European Economic Community and the Government of Sweden on certain measures for the purpose of promoting the reproduction of salmon in the Baltic¹ provides that the amount of the contribution must be equal to the actual costs to the Swedish authorities of breeding, tagging and releasing the quantity of smolt necessary to produce a quantity of salmon equal to the non-reciprocal quota allocated to the Community in the Swedish fishery zone for the year during which the contribution is to be granted;

Whereas the Commission has received Sweden's application for the Community financial contribution for 1997; whereas this application is the same as for 1994;

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Whereas the International Committee for Baltic Fisheries has recommended an ACR for the Baltic salmon stock and the proportion of that ACR to be allocated to the Community;

Whereas the ACR fixed for 1997 has been reduced and the Swedish application must be reexamined in the light of that fact;

Whereas the amount of the Community financial contribution has been calculated by applying proportionally this reduction in the non-reciprocal quota which Sweden is assumed to have allocated to the Community,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The amount of the Community financial contribution for 1997 to expenditure on promoting salmon reproduction in the Baltic Sea shall not exceed ECU 575 382.

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to the Government of Sweden.

Done at Brussels,

For the Council

Financial statement

1. Title of operation

Financial contribution to measures to promote the reproduction of salmon in the Baltic.

2. Budget heading involved

B7 - 800

3. Legal basis

Article 125 of the Act of Accession of Austria, Finland and Sweden.

4. Description of operation

4.1. General objective

This Commission proposal fixes the amount of the 1997 Community financial contribution to the release of smolt by the competent Swedish authorities as provided for in Article 125 of the Act of Accession.

4.2. Period covered and arrangements for renewal or extension

The measure covers 1997.

5. Classification of expenditure/revenue

- 5.1. compulsory expenditure
- 5.2. differentiated appropriations
- 5.3. no revenue

6. Type of expenditure or revenue

100% subsidy

7. Financial impact

7.1. Method of calculating cost of operation

The amount of the Community financial contribution to the release of smolt carried out by the Swedish authorities has been calculated on the basis of the balances existing immediately before accession. Council Regulation (EEC) No 2210/80 of 27 June 1980 on the agreement between the European Economic Community and the Government of Sweden on certain measures for the purpose of promoting the reproduction of salmon in the Baltic¹ provides that the amount of the contribution

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must be determined so as to cover the actual costs to the Swedish authorities of breeding, tagging and releasing a quantity of smolt necessary to produce a quantity of salmon equal to the non-reciprocal quota allocated to the Community in the Swedish fishery zone for the year during which the contribution is to be granted.

Sweden allocated the Community a salmon quota of 220 tonnes for 1994.

In 1997 the overall ACR for Baltic salmon was reduced by 31.67% and the quotas of each of the partners were reduced by the same proportion.

To comply with existing balances it must be assumed that Sweden will allocate the same quantities reduced by the proportion by which the Swedish quota is reduced for 1997, i.e.:

$$220 \text{ T} - \frac{220 \times 31.67}{100} = 150 \text{ T}$$

The Swedes have indicated to the Commission that the actual cost of 1 smolt is 17 Swedish krona and that 1 tonne of salmon is the equivalent of 2 000 smolt.

The amount of the financial contribution for 1997 is thus:

$$\begin{aligned} 150 \times 2\,000 \times 17 \text{ SEK} &= 5\,100\,000 \text{ SEK} \\ 5\,100\,000 \text{ SEK} : 8.863670 &= \text{ECU } 575\,382 \end{aligned}$$

7.2 Itemised breakdown of costs

in ECU
at 1997 prices

Item	Total budget for one year
Expenditure relating to release of smolt in the Baltic sea by the Swedish authorities	575 382 (06/97 rate)
TOTAL	575 382

7.3. Operation expenditure on studies, experts' meetings, etc., included in part B

None.

7.4. Schedule for multiannual operations whose basic instrument contains an "amount deemed necessary"

None.

8. Fraud prevention measures; results of measures taken

Anti-fraud provisions, in particular Articles 209(c), 290a and 213 of the Treaty on European Union, apply.

9. Elements of cost-effectiveness analysis

9.1. Specific objectives

Promoting the reproduction of salmon in the Baltic sea.

9.2. Grounds for the operation

- Need for a contribution from the Community budget.

The Union's financial contribution is laid down in the Treaty of Accession of the Kingdom of Sweden and is compulsory.

9.3. Monitoring and evaluation of the operation

The impact of the measure will be taken into account when fixing the overall ACR for salmon in the Baltic sea.

10. Administrative expenditure (Part A of the Budget)

10.1 Will the proposed operation involve an increase in the number of Commission staff? If so, how many?

No.

10.2 Indicate the amount of administrative and staff expenditure involved in the proposed operation. Explain the method of calculation.

None.

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