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COMMISSION COMMUNICATION TO THE COUNCIL

on exceptional food aid in cereals for the
United Republic of Tanzania

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1. Explanatory memorandum

For the second consecutive year the cereals harvest in Tanzania has been far below average, largely as a result of the drought at the beginning of this year.

Tanzania must import about 280 000 t of cereals between now and May/June 1982, when supplies should become available from the next harvest.

Since the commercial imports planned can cover only some of this requirement, the country has appealed to the international community to help it make up the shortfall.

Even if the 1982 food aid programmes are adopted in time, the aid earmarked for Tanzania is unlikely to arrive before March/April 1982, but the country may already be threatened by cereals shortages in January/February.

2. Proposal

It is proposed that it be decided to allocate exceptional food aid in the form of 10 000 t of cereals to the United Republic of Tanzania, to be delivered cif at the port of unloading.

This aid will be put up for sale on the local market and will be deducted from the reserve under the 1981 cereals programme; the quantity at present available in this reserve is 45 663 t.

The cost of this operation, which may be estimated at 1 720 000 ECU at world prices and 2 570 000 ECU at domestic prices, does not involve additional expenditure for the Community, since the operation is being carried out under programmes and with funds on which a decision has already been taken.

The Commission therefore proposes that the Council adopt the attached decision.

PROPOSAL FOR A COUNCIL DECISION
ON THE GRANTING OF EXCEPTIONAL FOOD AID IN THE
FORM OF CEREALS TO THE UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA

The Council of the European Communities,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Whereas the Council, by its Decision 81/367/EEC (1), reserved certain quantities under the 1981 programme for food aid in ^{the form of} cereals for emergency operations and other contingencies,

Whereas quantities are still available under this reserve,

Whereas the Community has received from the United Republic of Tanzania a request for a food-aid operation;

Whereas the Community should grant this request,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS :

Sole Article

Exceptional food aid in ^{the form of} cereals under the reserve for the 1981 programme shall be allocated as follows :

(1) OJ No L 141, 27.5.1981, p. 37.

<u>Recipient</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Delivery terms</u>
UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA	10 000 t	CIF

Done at Brussels,

For the Council

The President .