

COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

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COMMISSION COMMUNICATION TO THE COUNCIL
ON FOOD AID FOR THE
DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE SUDAN

1. EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

When the 1981 programmes were drawn up, it was not possible to quantify Sudan's direct aid requirements as regards milk powder, since the Commission had not yet received details on the proposed use and since some previous milk powder supplies had not yet been fully distributed.

The details requested have now been furnished and the previous milk powder supplies have all been distributed.

When the decision on the 1981 milk powder food aid programme was taken, the Council allocated a "token entry" instead of an actual quantity for Sudan, to enable milk powder to be allocated at a later date if necessary when the requirements could be more accurately assessed.

2. REQUEST

The Sudanese authorities have sent us a request for 3 000 T. of skimmed milk powder to be distributed free of charge among the following population groups :

- students and schoolchildren, under the responsibility of the Ministry of Education ;
- the elderly ;
- orphans ;
- mother and infant welfare centres, under the responsibility of the Ministry of Health.

Some would also be sold to the food industry.

3. PROPOSAL

In view of the Sudanese authorities' limited distribution facilities, and also in view of the aid which will be proposed under the 1982 programme, the Commission is proposing that food aid in the form of 500 T of skimmed milk powder be allocated to the Democratic Republic of the Sudan, to be supplied FOB Community port. This quantity will be drawn from the reserve under the 1980 programme, which amounts to 1 015 T. of skimmed milk powder.

This aid can cover the most urgent requirements arising under the free distribution programmes planned by the Sudanese authorities.

4. FINANCING

The value of the 500 T of skimmed milk powder (with added vitamins) can be estimated at 0.50 million ECU (at world prices)
or 0.72 million ECU (at internal prices).

This aid can be financed from the appropriations available under the General Budget of the Communities.

5. CONCLUSION

It is proposed that the Council :

- decide to allocate food aid in the form of 500 T of skimmed milk powder to the Democratic Republic of the Sudan, to be delivered FOB Community port and drawn from the general reserve of the 1980 food aid programme ;
- adopt the attached regulation.

COUNCIL REGULATION (EEC)

ON THE SUPPLY OF SKIMMED MILK POWDER AS FOOD AID
TO THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE SUDAN

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No. 1310/80 of 28 May 1980 laying down general rules for the supply of skimmed milk powder as food aid to certain developing countries and specialized bodies under the 1980 programme (1), and in particular Article 7 thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

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(1) OJ No. L 134 , 31.5.1980, p. 10.

Whereas Council Regulation (EEC) No. 1311/80 of 28 May 1980 on the supply of skimmed milk powder to certain developing countries and specialized bodies under the 1980 food aid programme (1) provides for a reserve of 6 565 T of skimmed milk powder ; whereas certain quantities are still available under that reserve ;

Whereas the Community has received a request for food aid in the form of skimmed milk powder from the Democratic Republic of the Sudan ; whereas the requirements justify the granting of food aid by the Community,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION :

Article 1

From the quantity of skimmed milk powder still available as a reserve under Regulation (EEC) N°. 1311/80, 500 tonnes shall be allocated as food aid to the Democratic Republic of the Sudan.

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

(1) OJ No. L 134, 31.5.1980, p. 12.