

COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

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COMMISSION PROPOSAL TO THE COUNCIL
CONCERNING EMERGENCY FOOD AID
TO LEBANON

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1. During the meeting of the Permanent Representatives Committee on 12 February 1976, the Commission representative informed the Member States of a request for emergency aid (medicaments, food aid, technical assistance) presented by the Lebanese Government following the tragic events in that country. The Commission representative stressed the extreme urgency of the requirements and indicated that the Community could provide food aid very rapidly as a first step; he informed the Ambassadors, moreover, that the Commission intended to decide on a financial contribution of between 80 000 and 100 000 u.a., to be charged to Article 400 of the 1976 budget¹, for the supply of medicaments and small-scale surgical equipment. This contribution was to be paid over to the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), a procedure to which the Lebanese Government had agreed.

These declarations of intent met with general approval from the Member States which, since food aid was involved, gave their agreement to the adoption of a decision by the Council as a matter of urgency at its meeting of 16 and 17 February. As far as the aid in the form of medicaments is concerned, it should be noted that the Commission decided on 13 February to give aid amounting to 100 000 u.a. under the arrangement described above.

2. As far as the food requirements are concerned, it appears from the information supplied by the Lebanese Embassy and by the ICRC - although any definitive estimate is difficult at this stage - that a minimum of 100 000 people are in need of food aid.

In accordance with the criteria normally applied in operations of this kind, this would involve:

250 t of skimmed-milk powder

200 t of butteroil

3 589 t of cereals.

¹The appropriation was for 600 000 u.a., of which 200 000 u.a. has recently been allocated to Guatemala.

These quantities, which represent three months' consumption, would be counted against the reserves of the 1975 programmes¹. The deliveries would be effected cif, except for any quantities which the Lebanese Government wishes to transport by air at its own expense (in this case the deliveries would be to Community airport).

The Commission of course reserves the right to propose additional quantities if a definitive analysis of the requirements revealed the need for more substantial aid.

3. The total Community aid would represent an amount of 1 000 000 u.a.² (financial contribution of 100 000 u.a., food aid amounting to approximately 900 000 u.a.).

¹The cereals reserve currently stands at 8 589 t. Two measures have already been planned: Cyprus 3 000 t and Timor 2 000 t. The milk powder reserve stands at 2 850 t and a measure involving 100 t for Timor is proposed. The butteroil reserve is 3 459 t and a measure involving 650 t for Cyprus is envisaged.

²This cost does not represent an additional expenditure for the Community since these projects are covered by appropriations and programmes already decided by the Council.

4. In conclusion, the Commission proposes that the Council decide on:

(i) The supply of emergency food aid to Lebanon amounting to:

3 589 t of cereals

200 t of butteroil

250 t of skimmed-milk powder.

These quantities would be counted against the reserves of the 1975 programmes.

(ii) The payment by the Community of the transport costs to the cif stage, except in respect of any quantities to be delivered to Community airports.

(iii) The adoption of the Regulations annexed hereto.

PROPOSAL FOR
COUNCIL REGULATION (EEC) No /76

of

on the supply, as a matter of urgency, of skimmed-milk powder to the Lebanese Republic for the benefit of those affected by the recent events, as food aid pursuant to Regulation (EEC) No 1348/75

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 1347/75 of 26 May 1975 laying down general rules for the supply of skimmed-milk powder as food aid to certain developing countries and international organizations under the 1975 programme¹, and in particular Articles 3 and 7 thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Whereas Regulation (EEC) No 1347/75 provides for the supply of 43 010 metric tons of skimmed-milk powder as food aid to certain developing countries and international organizations;

Whereas Council Regulation (EEC) No 1348/75 of 26 May 1975 on the supply of skimmed-milk powder as food aid to certain developing countries and international organizations under the 1975 programme² provides for a reserve of 3 800 metric tons of skimmed-milk powder;

¹OJ No L 138, 29 May 1975, p.1.

²OJ No L 138, 29 May 1975, p.3.

Whereas the Lebanese Republic has requested emergency food aid;
whereas, given the situation, the shipment costs as far as the frontier
of that country should be paid by the Community,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Of the 3 800 metric tons of skimmed-milk powder provided for as a reserve
by Regulation (EEC) No 1348/75, 250 metric tons shall be allocated to
the Lebanese Republic.

Article 2

Community financing shall cover the cost of shipment to the frontier of
the country of destination.

Article 3

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, 1976.

For the Council
The President

PROPOSAL FOR
COUNCIL REGULATION (EEC) No

of

on the supply, as a matter of urgency, of butter or butteroil
to the Lebanese Republic for the benefit of those affected by
the recent events, as food aid pursuant to
Regulation (EEC) No 1542/75

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 1541/75 of 16 June 1975
laying down general rules for the supply of milk fats as food aid to
certain developing countries and international organizations under the
1975 food-aid programme¹, and in particular Articles 3 and 8 thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

¹OJ No L 157, 19.6.1975, p. 4.

Whereas Regulation (EEC) No 1541/75 provides for the supply of 43 400 metric tons of butteroil as food aid to certain developing countries and international organizations;

Whereas Council Regulation (EEC) No 1542/75 of 16 June 1975 on the supply of milk fats as food aid to certain developing countries and international organizations under the 1975 food-aid programme¹ provides for a reserve of 4 550 metric tons of butteroil;

Whereas the Lebanese Republic has requested emergency food aid in the form of milk fats; whereas the needs of those affected by the recent events in Lebanon warrant food aid from the Community; whereas, given the situation, the costs of shipment to the frontier of that country should be paid by the Community,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Of the quantity of milk fats corresponding to 4 550 metric tons of butteroil provided for as a reserve by Regulation (EEC) No 1542/75, 200 metric tons, to be provided as butter or butteroil, shall be allocated to the Lebanese Republic for those affected by the recent events.

¹OJ No L 157, 19.6.1975, p.6.

Article 2

The Community shall finance the costs of shipment as far as the frontier of the country of destination.

Article 3

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
COUNCIL REGULATION (EEC), No

of

derogating from Regulation (EEC) No 2750/75 in respect of mobilization
procedures for cereals to be supplied as food aid for the benefit of the
Lebanese Republic

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 2727/75 of 29 October 1975 on
the common organization of the market in cereals¹, as amended by
Regulation (EEC) No 3058/75², and in particular Article 28 thereof,

Having regard to Council Regulation No 359/67/EEC of 25 July 1967 on the
common organization of the market in rice³, as last amended by
Regulation (EEC) No 668/75⁴, and in particular Article 23(a) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

¹OJ No L 281, 1.11.1975, p. 1.

²OJ No L 306, 26.11.1975, p. 3.

³OJ No 174, 31.7.1967, p. 1.

⁴OJ No 72, 20.3.1975, p. 18.

Whereas it is desirable that, in certain exceptional cases cereals to be supplied to the Lebanese Republic as food aid should be mobilized by means of a sufficiently flexible and rapid procedure;

Whereas use of the tendering procedure provided for in Article 4(1) and (2) of Council Regulation (EEC) No 2750/75 of 29 October 1975 establishing criteria for the mobilization of cereals to be supplied as food aid⁵ does not always permit the objectives of flexibility and speed to be met; whereas it should consequently be possible to apply another procedure.

⁵OJ No L 281, 1.11.1975, p. 89.

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

By way of derogation from Article 4 of Regulation (EEC) No 2750/75, it shall be possible to have recourse to a procedure other than a tendering procedure for the supply at the fob or cif (or corresponding) stages of cereals and/or rice supplied as food aid to the Lebanese Republic for the benefit of those affected by the recent events.

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,

1976

For the Council

The President

PROPOSAL FOR A
COUNCIL DECISION

on the Community financing of certain
expenditure relating to food aid supplied
under the 1974/75 programme

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 1703/72 of 3 August 1972
amending Regulation (EEC) No 2052/69 on the Community financing of
expenditure arising from the implementation of the Food Aid Convention
of 1967 and laying down rules for the Community financing of expenditure
arising from the implementation of the Food Aid Convention of 1971¹, and
in particular Articles 8(1) and 10(1) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Whereas the Lebanese Republic, which is in receipt of emergency food aid
under the 1974/75 programme, would have difficulty, given its economic
and financial situation, in covering forwarding costs beyond the fob
stage; whereas such costs should consequently be borne by the Community,

¹OJ No L 180, 8.8.1972, p. 1.

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Sole Article

Within the framework of Community emergency food aid measures in favour of the Lebanese Republic under the 1974/75 programme, Community financing shall cover shipment costs as far as the frontier of that country.

Done at Brussels,

For the Council

The President