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COMMISSION COMMUNICATION TO THE COUNCIL
ON EMERGENCY FOOD AID TO THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF
MOZAMBIQUE
IN FAVOUR OF NEEDY PERSONS IN THAT COUNTRY

1. Request of Mozambique

The Government of the People's Republic of Mozambique has recently requested the EEC for emergency food aid involving :

10 000 t maize
5 000 t wheat
10 000 t ground nuts (or oil/butteroil equivalent)
4 000 t skimmed milk powder

These commodities are intended to feed :

- those who fled before the independence to nearby countries (Malawi, Zambia, Rhodesia and Tanzania) and have since returned to Mozambique ;
- victims of floods affecting the southern part of the country after a cyclone.

The present request should be examined in the light of the very difficult economic situation of Mozambique following independence. This can be summed up as follows :

1. departure of Portuguese citizens ;
2. problems linked with the reintegration of refugees (unemployment, etc);
3. decision of the Government of Mozambique, based on previous UN resolutions, to close the border with Rhodesia ; this measure has caused the loss of foreign currencies amounting to about 57 million U.S. dollars (termination of trade, reduced activities of railways supplying the ports of BEIRA and MAPUTO ⁽¹⁾).

(1) In the field of food supplies, Mozambique traditionally imported its food from Rhodesia ; 18 000 t of cereals already paid for but not delivered can be regarded as lost.

4. consequences of cyclone DANAE which has caused important floods (overflow of the river LIMPOPO southwards from MAPUTO).

In response to the appeal launched by the Mozambique authorities and to the resolution/ of the UN Security Council of 17.3.1976, many countries and organizations have given financial, technical and material aid ⁽²⁾.

The Commission considers that the Community should contribute to the international efforts by a grant of food aid.

II. ANALYSIS OF NEEDS AND PROPOSAL

- A. According to the information supplied by the FAO, Mozambique is facing a structural deficit in food products. During the next 18/24 months this deficit can be estimated at 250.000 t of cereals (whereof 40.000t of rice) and 4.000 t of skimmed milk powder.
- B. As regards the present request the authorities envisage to put into operation a food aid programme for more than 120.000 people (refugees and victims of floods).

(2) It will be recalled that the Commission already decided, 70.000 u.a./ on 13.4.1976, on emergency financial aid through UNICEF, charged to budget article 400. These funds were used for the purchase and transport of medicines.

C. Consequently, on the basis of general criteria applied by the Community in this type of situation ⁽¹⁾, the Commission proposes to approve the provision of emergency food aid to Mozambique, to be delivered CIF, involving:

5.000 t wheat
300 t skimmed milk powder
200 t butteroil.

The cost of the operation would be about 1.330.000 u.a. ⁽²⁾.

The aid would be charged:

as regards the cereals, to the reserve under the 1975/76 programme,
as regards the skimmed milk powder, to the reserve under the 1976 programme (first instalment of 55.000 t),
as regards the butteroil, to the reserve under the 1975 programme. ⁽³⁾

This first operation should be followed up by the additional one under the 1976/77 programme (cereals) and 1977 programme (butteroil).

In this respect, 750 t of skimmed milk powder have been already proposed by the Commission under the 1976 skimmed milk powder programme (second instalment of 95.000 t).

(1) 3 months of consumption based on a daily ration per person of:

500 g.cereals - 30 g.skimmed milk powder - 20 g.butteroil.

(2) cf. financial annex.

(3) the quantities still available are:

38.000 t cereals
2.124 t skimmed milk powder
479 t butteroil.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing it is proposed that the Council :

- decide to supply to the People's Republic of Mozambique emergency food aid in favour of needy persons in that country, involving the allocation of 5 000 t of common wheat, 200 t of butteroil and 300 t of skimmed-milk powder ;
 - approve the delivery of this aid to the port of unloading ;
 - adopt in consequence the acts annexed hereto.
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PROPOSAL FOR COUNCIL REGULATION (EEC) N° /76
of

People's/
on the emergency supply of butteroil to the Republic of Mozambique in favour
of needy persons in that country as food aid pursuant to Regulation (EEC)
N° 1542/75

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) N° 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 programme⁽¹⁾, and in particular Articles 3 and 8 thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Whereas Regulation (EEC) N° 1541/75 provides for the supply of 43,400 metric
tons of butteroil as food aid to certain developing countries and interna-
tional organizations,

Whereas Council Regulation (EEC) N° 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 programme⁽²⁾ provides for a reserve
of 4,550 metric tons of butteroil,

People's/ Mozambique/
Whereas the Republic of has requested emergency food aid in favour
of needy persons in that country; whereas the needs of the people concerned
warrant food aid from the Community; whereas, in view of the situation,
the cost of transport to the port of unloading should be borne by the
Community,

(1) OJ N° L 157, 19.6.1975, P. 4.

(2) OJ N° L 157, 19.6.1975, P. 6.

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION :

Article 1

Of the 4,550 metric tons of butteroil provided for as a reserve by Regulation (EEC) N° 1542/75, 200 metric tons shall be allocated to the People's Republic of Mozambique/ in favour of needy persons in that country.

Article 2

The Community shall bear the cost of transport to the port of unloading.

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) N° _____/76
of _____

People's/
on the emergency supply of skimmed milk powder to the Republic of Mozambique
in favour of needy persons in that country as food aid pursuant to
Regulation (EEC) N° 1299/76

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) N° 1298/76 of 1 June 1976 laying
down general rules for the supply of skimmed milk powder as food aid to
certain developing countries and international organizations under the
1976 programme⁽¹⁾, and in particular Articles 3 and 7 thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Whereas Regulation (EEC) N° 1298/76 provides for the supply of 55,000 metric
tons of skimmed milk powder as food aid to certain developing countries
and international organizations,

Whereas Council Regulation (EEC) N° 1299/76 of 1 June 1976 on the supply
of skimmed milk powder as food aid to certain developing countries and
international organizations under the 1976 programme⁽²⁾ provides for a
reserve of 3,630 metric tons of skimmed milk powder,

People's/ Mozambique/
Whereas the Republic of _____ has requested emergency food aid in favour
of needy persons in that country; whereas the needs of the people concerned
warrant food aid from the Community; whereas, in view of the situation,
the costs of transport to the port of unloading should be borne by the
Community,

(1) OJ N° L 146, 4.6.1976, p. 3.

(2) OJ N° L 146, 4.6.1976, p. 5.

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION :

Article 1

Of the 3,630 metric tons of skimmed milk powder provided for as a reserve by Regulation (EEC) N° 1299/76, 300 metric tons shall be allocated to the People's Republic of Mozambique in favour of needy persons in that country.

Article 2

The Community shall bear the cost of transport to the port of unloading.

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 A COUNCIL DECISION
of

on the Community financing of certain costs in respect of the food aid under the 1975/76 programme.

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation N° 1703/72 of August 1972 amending Regulation (EEC) N° 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 Communities financing of expenditure arising from the implementation of the Food Aid Convention of 1971, and in particular Articles 8⁽¹⁾ and 10⁽¹⁾ thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Whereas the People's/
Republic of Mozambique/
would have difficulty in meeting the costs of forwarding from the fob stage the emergency food aid allocated under the 1975/76 programme whereas these costs should therefore be borne by the Community,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS :

Sole Article

The Community shall finance the transportation costs incurred to the port of unloading in respect of its allocation of emergency food aid to the People's Republic of Mozambique/ under the 1975/76 programme.

Done at Brussels

For the Council

The President

(1) OJ N° L 180, 8.8.1972, p.1.

Financial Annex

I. Cost of Food Aid

	<u>t</u>	<u>u.a./t</u>	<u>Total (u.a.)</u>
Cereals (wheat)	5 000	103,9	519 500
Milk powder	300	538	161 400
Butteroil	200	1.394,49	278 898
		Sub total	959 798

II. Cost of transport (CIF Maputo)

	<u>t</u>	<u>u.a./t</u>	<u>Total (u.a.)</u>
Cereals	5 000	65	325 000
Milk powder	300	85	25 500
Butteroil	200	90	18 000
		Sub total	368 500
		Grand total	1.328 298 =====

III. Budget Headings

Cereals: 1976 Budget, item 9201: appropriation of 97,97 million u.a.

Milk powder: 1976 Budget, item 9211: appropriation of 36,35 million u.a.

Butteroil : 1975 appropriation, automatic carryover to the 1976 budget (item 9210) of 26.40 million u.a.