

COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

COM (76) 413 final

Brussels, 19th July 1976

COMMISSION COMMUNICATION TO THE COUNCIL

ON EMERGENCY FOOD AID TO THE REPUBLIC OF ZAMBIA

IN FAVOUR OF NEEDY PERSONS IN THAT COUNTRY

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

1. The Commission has received a request for emergency food aid in cereals, skimmed milk powder, and butteroil from the Zambian authorities. The country is facing an economic crisis arising out of the recent happenings in southern Africa.

As a result of the war in Angola, the Benguela railway - one of the main communication routes with the outside - has been put out of action. This has to a large extent paralysed foreign trade, and especially copper exports, which make up about 90 % of all exports. This state of affairs has been aggravated by losses of rolling stock in Angola, and by massive arrivals of ^{refugees/} from Angola (around 10,000 families) and other nearby countries (Namibia, South Africa, Rhodesia and Mozambique).

2. The current state of Zambia's economy can be summed up as follows :

- Public finance : reduction in government receipts with serious adverse effects on the national budget;
- Monetary : steady fall in exchange reserves, currently representing under one month's imports. Balance of payments showing a deficit of 420 million u.a.
- Economic : volume of production down owing to lack of imported materials (spare parts, transport equipment, etc...).

3. The Zambian government has taken vigorous measures to remedy this position; in particular

- tax increases
- rise in interest rates
- reduction of government subsidies
- campaign for increased foodstuff production
- control of non-essential imports.

4. To support Zambia in this effort, the Community decided in May 1976 to grant emergency financial assistance of 7.5 million u.a. to allow imports of certain essential goods such as spare parts and fertilizer.

5. This grant was not however sufficient to allow foodstuffs to be purchased abroad. The Zambian government has therefore turned to the Community for help in carrying out refugee feeding programs (about 50,000 persons) and certain social programs (free distributions in primary schools and to young persons in rural development centres).

6. The Commission considers that this request should be treated favorably and that the following emergency food aid should be granted to Zambia :

1,500 t cereals⁽¹⁾
450 t skimmed-milk powder
300 t butteroil.

The commodities would be for free distribution to refugees (about 50,000 persons) and to other beneficiaries in social programs (in schools and centres). They would supply the food needs of 100,000 persons for one month in cereals and for around 5 months in milk products⁽²⁾.

In view of Zambia's disastrous financial position, it is recommended that the commodities be delivered cif port of unloading (Dar-es-Salam). The Zambian authorities have declared themselves ready to undertake the transport from cif stage to the interior of the country.

(1) Only small amounts of cereals (32,000 t at this moment) remain available from the 1975/76 program reserve for unforeseen emergency actions; possibilities of intervention are therefore very limited.

(2) Based on a daily ration per person of :
500 g. cereals - 30 g. skimmed milk powder - 20 g. butteroil.

The cost of the operation would be about 1 052 000 u.a. (cf. financial annex).

4. The aid would be charged :

as regards the cereals, to the reserve under the 1975/76 programme⁽¹⁾;

as regards the skimmed-milk powder, to the reserve under the 1976 programme (first instalment of 55 000 t⁽²⁾);

as regards the butteroil, up to 279 t, to the reserve under the 1975 programme⁽³⁾ and up to 21 t to the reserve under the 1976 programme⁽⁴⁾.

CONCLUSION

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

- decide to supply to the Republic of Zambia emergency food aid in favour of needy persons in that country, involving the allocation of 1 500 t of cereals, 300 t of butteroil and 450 t of skimmed-milk powder, to be delivered to the port of unloading ;
- adopt in consequence the acts annexed hereto.

(1) 32 000 t still available.

(2) 1 824 t still available.

(3) 279 t still available.

(4) 3 640 t still available.

PROPOSAL FOR COUNCIL REGULATION (EEC) N° _____/76
of _____

on the emergency supply of butteroil to the Republic of Zambia for
of needy persons in need there as food aid under 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,

Whereas the Republic of Zambia has requested emergency food aid for
persons in need there ; whereas the needs of there people
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, 279 metric tons shall be allocated to the Republic of Zambia for persons in need there.

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

on the emergency supply of butteroil to the Republic of Zambia for
persons in need there as food aid under Regulation (EEC)
N° 695/76

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) N° 694/76 of 25 March 1976 laying
down general rules for the supply of milk fats to certain
developing countries and international organizations under the 1976 food
aid programme⁽¹⁾, and in particular Articles 3 and 8 thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Whereas Regulation (EEC) N° 694/76 provides for the supply of 45.000 metric
tons of butteroil as food aid to certain developing countries and interna-
tional organizations;

Whereas Council Regulation (EEC) N° 695/76 of 30 March 1976 on the supply
of milk fats to certain developing countries and international
organizations under the 1976 food aid programme⁽²⁾ provides for a reserve
of 3.640 metric tons of butteroil;

Whereas the Republic of Zambia has requested emergency food aid for
persons in need there ; whereas the needs of there people
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 83, 30.3.1976, p. 4.

(2) OJ N° L 83, 30.3.1976, p. 6.

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION :

Article 1

Of the 3.640 metric tons of butteroil provided for as a reserve by Regulation(EEC) N° 695/76, 21 metric tons shall be allocated to the Republic of Zambia for persons in need there.

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

on the emergency supply of skimmed milk powder to the Republic of Zambia
for persons in need there as food aid under
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;

Whereas the Republic of Zambia has requested emergency food aid for
persons in need there ; whereas the needs of these people
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, 450 metric tons shall be allocated to the Republic of Zambia for persons in need there.

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 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 3 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 Community 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 Republic of Zambia would have difficulty in meeting the costs
of forwarding from the port stage the emergency food aid under
the 1975/76 programme; whereas these costs should therefore be borne by the
Community,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS :

Sole Article

The Community shall bear the cost of transport to the port
of unloading in respect of its allocation of emergency food aid to the
Republic of Zambia 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

A. Raw materials at the FOB-stage

	<u>t</u>	<u>u.a./t</u>	<u>Total (u.a.)</u>
Wheat	1.500	103,9	155.850
Milk powder	450	538	242.100
Butteroil	300	1.394.49	418.347
		Subtotal	930.160

B. Transport (CIF Dar-es-Salam)

	<u>t</u>	<u>u.a./t</u>	<u>Total (u.a.)</u>
Wheat	1.500	70	105.000
Milk powder	450	170	76.500
Butteroil	300	180	54.000
		Subtotal	235.500
		Grand total	1.051.797

II. Budget Headings

- Cereals : 1976 Budget, item 9201 : appropriation of 97,97 million u.a.
- Skimmed-milk powder: 1976 Budget, item 9211; appropriation of 36,35 million u.a.
- Butteroil (279 t): 1975 appropriation, automatic carryover to the 1976 budget (item 9210) of 26.40 million u.a.
- Butteroil (21 t): 1976 Budget, item 9212, appropriation of 68,95 million u.a.