

COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

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Proposal for a

REGULATION (EEC) OF THE COUNCIL

on the allocation for 1974 of appropriations from the
Guidance Section of the European Agricultural
Guidance and Guarantee Fund and deferring certain
final dates for the years 1974 and 1975

(submitted to the Council by the Commission)

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

1. Under Article 6 (4) of Regulation (EEC) No 729/70, common measures have priority in the use of credits allocated to the Guidance Section of the EAGGF. The residue must be used to finance individual projects as provided for in Regulation No 17/64/EEC.

By way of derogation from the abovementioned rule, part of the credits of the Guidance Section has been placed in a reserve to ensure the future financing of common measures. On 31 December 1973 this reserve amounted to 538 525 700 u.a.

2. Implementation of some common measures, and particularly of the Directives aimed at reforming agriculture, is slow and, consequently, expenditure by the Guidance Section in this area is small.

The reserve is large enough to meet foreseeable expenditure in the next few years given the amounts which are available each year. Setting aside an additional large sum would, therefore, deprive agriculture for an indefinite period of part of the credits provided for in Regulation (EEC) No 729/70 for the improvement of structures.

3. Applications for aid for individual projects submitted under Regulation No 17/64/EEC continue to increase. For 1974, 913 applications for aid amounting to 340 million u.a. were submitted. To these must be added 560 projects to be carried forward, for which aid of 320 million u.a. has been requested. This makes a total of 1.473 applications for aid totalling 660 million u.a. for 1974. The 170 million u.a. originally provided for in the 1974 budget would, therefore, cover only 25% of the aid applied for.

4. Judging by the applications submitted by Member States to the Commission, the credits provided for in Chapters 81, 82, 84 and 89 of the 1974 Budget for special measures and joint schemes will not be totally used up. Applications are for about 34.5 million u.a. only. The remaining 37.4 million u.a. will, therefore, be available and may be added to the reserve.

Taking into account the transfers from article 870 of 3 million u.a. to item 8.200 and of 3,492,226 to items 8903, 8910 and 8920, there remains a credit of 33.1 million u.a. in article 870 of the budget, intended to finance expenditure on common measures.

5. In view of large subsidies applied for under Regulation No 17/64/EEC, the 33.1 million u.a. appearing under article 870 and part of the credits appearing under Chapters 81, 82, 84 and 89 should be allocated to the financing of individual projects in accordance with article 6 of Regulation No. 729/70/EEC. The Council is asked to adopt this draft decision and will be asked to grant the transfers of credits necessary that the Commission will present as a result.
6. The examination of applications for 1973 was completed in July 1974 in accordance with Regulation (EEC) No. 429/74. The delay was thus reduced by four months compared with the previous year. Consequently, applications submitted before 1 July in respect of 1974 can now be examined over a period of twelve months, which is a shorter period than that fixed by Regulation No. 17/64/EEC. The time limit for the Commission's decision should therefore be fixed, as 30 July 1975.

Applications in respect of 1975 will therefore have to be submitted to the Commission not later than 1 Jan. 1975.

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THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,
and in particular Article 43 thereof;

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission;

Having regard to the Opinion of the European Parliament;

Whereas the appropriations available for 1974 from the Guidance Section
of the European Agricultural Guidance and Guarantee Fund should be so
allocated as to ensure the financing of the various measures provided for
in Community legislation;

Whereas the appropriations assigned to the Guidance Section must be made
available to agriculture and whereas in particular the amount allocated
to the financing of projects coming within the provision of Council Regu-
lation No 17/64/EEC⁽¹⁾ of 5 February 1964 on the conditions for granting
aid from the European Agricultural Guidance and Guarantee Fund should be
increased, since the amount required for the financing of common measures
under Council Regulation (EEC) No 729/70⁽²⁾ of 21 April 1970 on the financ-
ing of the common agricultural policy remains small, while the reserve
set up to finance such measures is already substantial; and whereas
applications for reimbursement in respect of individual measures will not
cover the available appropriations to the full;

(1) OJ No 34, 27 February 1964, p. 586/64.

(2) OJ No L 94, 28 April 1970, p. 13.

Whereas Article 2 of Council Regulation (EEC) No 429/74⁽¹⁾ of 18 February 1974 extending for the years 1972, 1973 and 1974 certain time limits for granting aid from the Guidance Section of the European Agricultural Guidance and Guarantee Fund set the final date for the submission of applications for aid for 1974 at 30 June 1974;

Whereas it is necessary, in order to ensure that each application is properly examined, to defer the final dates for decisions on applications for aid submitted in respect of 1974 and for the submission of applications for 1975;

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION :

Article 1

The appropriations available for the year 1974 from the Guidance Section of the European Agricultural Guidance and Guarantee Fund, namely an amount equal to 325 million units of account, shall be allocated as follows :

1. A proportion shall be used to finance measures under the following provisions :
 - a) Article 36 (2) of Council Regulation (EEC) No 1035/72⁽²⁾ of 18 May 1972 on the common organization of the market in fruit and vegetables;
 - b) Article 12 (1) of Council Regulation (EEC) No 1957/69⁽³⁾ of 6 October 1969 introducing a system of premiums for slaughtering cows and for withholding milk and milk products from the market;
 - c) Article 7 (1) of Council Regulation (EEC) No 2517/69⁽⁴⁾ of 9 December 1969 laying down certain measures for reorganizing Community fruit production;

(1) OJ No L 250, 22 February 1974, p. 1.
(2) OJ No L 118, 20 May 1972, p. 1.
(3) OJ No L 252, 18 October 1969, p. 1.
(4) OJ No L 318, 18 December 1969, p. 15.

- d) Article 5 (2) of Council Regulation (EEC) No 2511/69⁽¹⁾ of 9 December 1969 laying down special measures for improving the production and marketing of Community citrus fruit;
 - e) Article 22 (2) of Council Regulation (EEC) No 2142⁽²⁾ of 20 October 1970 on the common organization of the market in fishery products.
2. A proportion amounting to 235 million units of account shall be used to finance projects as defined in Article 13 of Regulation No 17/64/EEC.
3. The remainder shall be used to finance measures qualifying for financing by the Community and constituting common measures within the meaning of Article 6 of Regulation (EEC) No 729/70.

Article 2

The final date as specified in the second sentence of the first subparagraph of Article 20 (2) of Regulation No 17/64/EEC for a decision by the Commission on applications for aid from the Guidance Section of the Fund submitted to it before the dates specified in Article 2 of Council Regulation (EEC) No 429/74 is hereby deferred in respect of 1974 to 31 July 1975.

Article 3

The final date as specified in the first sentence of the first subparagraph of Article 20 (2) of Regulation No 17/64/EEC for the submission of applications for aid from the Guidance Section of the Fund is hereby deferred in respect of applications for aid for 1975 to 1 June 1975.

(1) OJ No L 318, 18 December 1969, p. 1.
(2) OJ No L 236, 27 October 1970, p. 5.

Article 4

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