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EEC REGULATIONS ON TWO AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS
PROPOSED AS FIRST STEP TOWARD AGRICULTURE COMMON MARKET

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 7 -- The European Economic Community's Commission has submitted to the Council of Ministers two proposals for regulations to introduce a system of levies and to establish gradually a common market organization for grain and pork, EEC headquarters in Brussels announced today.

The two draft regulations constitute a first set of provisions in establishing a common agricultural policy among the Six and are intended to expedite the general speed-up in the transition period outlined in the Rome Treaty.

The proposed levy system applies to non-member countries as well as to member states. In trade among members, the levies will disappear progressively as prices are brought into line.

For grain, intra-Community levies will be reduced by a lump sum fixed annually, thus allowing the member states continued preference in accordance with the treaty. For pork, an amount equivalent to a specific customs duty and rising progressively to 10 per cent of the average world market price will be included in the levy applicable to non-member countries. The rules apply to bread grain as well as to coarse grain, to certain processed products, to all pure pork and to certain pork products.

The Commission's action in submitting these proposals is in response to the Council of Ministers' resolution of December 20, 1960, regarding the two sectors of grain and pork, which also requested that analogous proposals for sugar, eggs and poultry be submitted before July 31, 1961, and recommended that the levies, if adopted, should be applied starting with the 1961-62 farming year.

Adoption of these regulations will enable the Six gradually to replace their present individual restrictions (such as quotas, customs duties, compulsory mixing regulations, etc.) with Community rules from which all countries concerned will benefit because of stable prices and markets, expansion of intra-Community trade, and free access to supply sources in non-member states. If the proposed provisions are established, the next steps to take will be in regard to approximation of prices, creation of a European guidance and guarantee fund, and the establishment of executive and consultative institutions.