

COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

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Brussels, 21 March 1977.

RECOMMENDATION FROM THE COMMISSION TO THE COUNCIL

authorising the Commission to open negotiations with the ACP states referred to in Protocol No 3 annexed to the ACP-EEC Convention of Lomé and with the Republic of India concerning the guaranteed prices for cane sugar to apply in the 1977/78 delivery period

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

1. Protocol No 3 on ACP sugar annexed to the ACP-EEC Convention of Lomé, and the Agreement on cane sugar with India, oblige the Community to purchase, at guaranteed prices, agreed quantities of white or raw sugar originating in the ACP states and India. Article 5 (4) of the Protocol and of the Agreement require these prices to be negotiated annually.

The current guaranteed prices apply until 30 June 1977. This recommendation for a decision seeks to authorise the opening of this year's negotiations in order to fix - at the latest by 1 May 1977 - the guaranteed prices for the delivery period which begins on 1 July 1977.

Financial implications

2. This recommendation for a decision, in particular the annual negotiation of the guaranteed prices, does not involve implications other than those already taken into consideration in the framework of agricultural prices (doc. COM(77) 150 final of 11 February 1977).

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THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community, and in particular Article 113 thereof,

Having regard to the recommendation from the Commission,

Whereas the ACP-EEC Convention of Lomé entered into force on 1 April 1976 (1);

Whereas an agreement on cane sugar between the European Economic Community and the Republic of India, hereinafter referred to as the "Agreement", entered into force on 18 July 1975 (2);

Whereas Protocol No 3 on ACP sugar annexed to the said Convention, hereinafter referred to as the "Protocol", and the Agreement provide that the guaranteed prices for the quantities of cane sugar concerned shall be negotiated annually,

DECIDES:

Sole Article

1. The Commission is hereby authorised to open negotiations with the ACP states referred to in the Protocol and with the Republic of India on the guaranteed prices referred to in the Protocol and the Agreement to apply in the 1977/78 delivery period.
2. The Commission shall conduct these negotiations in consultation with representatives of the Member States and in conformity with the following directive :

(1) O.J. No L 25, 30.1.1976, p. 1

(2) O.J. No L 190, 23.7.1975, p. 35

The guaranteed prices should be negotiated in such a way that the return guaranteed to the ACP countries and to the Republic of India for their raw sugar deliveries to the Community should be comparable with the guaranteed net return to the Community producers of raw beet sugar.

Done at Brussels,

For the Council