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Commission Communication to the Council  
on the supply of skimmed milk powder as  
food aid to the International Committee  
of the Red Cross (Uruguay project)

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I. The request of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC).

The ICRC has requested the allocation of 50 tonnes of skimmed milk powder for its project in Uruguay to be counted against the 3 500 tonnes of skimmed milk powder allocated to the ICRC under the 1976 food aid programme (1). 1 600 tonnes of skimmed milk powder is still available by way of reserve.

The quantity requested would enable the Uruguayan Red Cross to carry out two programmes involving the free allocation of skimmed milk powder :

1. the first programme aims to supplement for 6 months the deficient supply of food for 8 000 children from economically deprived families, by making an allowance of 40 grammes of skimmed milk powder per child per day. The milk will be distributed to the children as liquid milk, generally with the addition of chocolate and sugar (the total quantity of skimmed milk powder required for this programme is thus 48 tonnes).
2. The second programme aims to help 60 persons in two old age homes. It would last one year, with an allowance of 90 grammes of skimmed milk powder per person per day (the total quantity of skimmed milk powder required for this programme is thus 2 tonnes).

These two programmes would be carried out under the responsibility of the local Red Cross and under the supervision of the regional delegate of the ICRC.

Due to the fact that these quantities would be distributed mostly among children, the ICRC requests that the skimmed milk powder should have added vitamins "A".

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(1) OJ No L 146, 4.6.1976, p. 5  
OJ No L 224, 16.8.1976, p. 2

**II. The Commission's proposals**

In the circumstances , the Commission proposes that the ICRC request be accepted and that 50 tonnes of skimmed milk powder be allocated for this project. The quantity would be supplied free at port of unloading and would be counted against the 3 500 tonnes of skimmed milk powder allocated to the ICRC under the 1976 food aid programme.

The approximate cost of this measure is 33 000 u.a., but this represents no additional expenditure for the Community since the measure is covered by programmes and appropriations already approved.

**IN CONCLUSION :**

The Commission proposes that the Council shall decide to allocate to the ICRC for its project in Uruguay food aid in the form of 50 tonnes of skimmed milk powder to be delivered free at port of unloading, this aid to be counted against the 3 500 tonnes of skimmed milk powder allocated to the ICRC under the 1976 food aid programme.

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