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COMMISSION COMMUNICATION TO THE COUNCIL

on food aid measures involving skimmed
milk powder, butteroil and cereals to be
implemented through the International
Committee of the Red Cross under
Agreements concluded with that Committee

(submitted to the Council by the Commission)

The International Committee of the Red Cross has requested the Community's approval for implementing food aid measures in favour of India and the territories of West Jordan, Gaza and Sinai under the existing Agreements.

I. AID TO INDIA

This aid measure would involve 570 t of skimmed milk powder, to be set off against the quantities specified in the Agreement of 22 October 1973¹ concerning the supply of 7 500 t of cereals and 6 000 t of skimmed milk powder. With the addition of the aid measure proposed under II, the quantities provided for by this Agreement would thus be completely used up (see Annex).

The aid in question would contribute to the relief programme introduced by the Indian Red Cross for certain of the poorest sections of the population.

The 570 t would be distributed to about 110 000 people at a ration of 1 kg per person per month, which would represent five to six months' consumption.

The aid will be distributed by the Indian Red Cross under the control of the ICRC.

3. Deliveries by the Community would be made cif port of unloading in accordance with the supply agreement.

II. AID TO WEST JORDAN, GAZA AND SINAI

1. The ICRC has requested 140 t of skimmed milk powder, 400 t of butteroil and 931.5 t of cereals to be supplied in the form of 617 t of wheat flour. These amounts of milk and cereals would be set off against the quantities specified in the Agreement of 22 October 1973, which would thus be completely used up. The 400 t of butteroil would be set off against the quantity specified in the Agreement concluded with the ICRC on 3 February 1975 concerning the supply of 15 000 t of cereals, 3 000 t of milk and 1 000 t of butteroil. This allocation would enable the ICRC to continue its activities in favour of the most needy sections of the Arab population in the areas in question.

The aid would be distributed to some 44 000 people, the rations being:

flour: 8 to 10 kg per person per month

milk: 250 g per person per month

butteroil: 500 g per person per month

¹OJ No L 23, 28 January 1974, p. 17

Distribution would be effected by the Catholic Relief Services (Hebron and Ramallah regions), the Lutheran World Federation (Bethlehem, Nablus, Tulkarem, Jenin) and CARE (Gaza and Sinai regions) under the control of the ICRC.

3. In accordance with the usual rule, deliveries by the Community would be made cif ports of unloading.

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In conclusion, and in view of the foregoing considerations, the Commission recommends that the requests of the ICRC be met and asks the Council to act by the accelerated procedure referred to in Document R/164/75.

UTILIZATION OF THE QUANTITIES SPECIFIED IN THE AGREEMENT OF

22 OCTOBER 1973: POSITION AT 1 MARCH 1975

I. CEREALS - 7 500 t

Recipient country	Product delivered	Quantities t	Equivalent in unmilled cereals
SYRIA	Wheat flour	2 800	4 228
JORDAN	Wheat flour	1 000	1 510
EGYPT	Wheat flour	500	755
YEMEN	Wheat flour	50	75.5
Total		4 350	6 568.5
Balance		617	931.5
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II. SKIMMED MILK POWDER - 6 000 t

Recipient country	Quantities
CHILE	1 500
SAHEL	120
LEBANON	150
SYRIA	100
JORDAN	100
EGYPT	100
ETHIOPIA	120
PAKISTAN	3 000
CYPRUS	50
SOMALIA	50
TOTAL	5 290
BALANCE	710
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