

COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

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Proposal for a
COUNCIL REGULATION (EEC)

amending Regulation (EEC) No 154/75 as regards the financing
of the register of olive cultivation

(submitted to the Council by the Commission)

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EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

1. On 21 January 1975 the Council adopted Regulation (EEC) No 154/75 on the establishment of a register of olive cultivation in the Member States producing olive oil, Article 3 of which specified that the register was to be financed by the deduction of a certain percentage of the production aid granted to French and Italian olive growers in the 1973/74 and 1974/75 marketing years. The Council's decision was accompanied by a statement inserted in the minutes of the relevant meeting to the effect that the Council acting by qualified majority on a proposal from the Commission, would decide before 31 December 1976 on how any additional expenditure was to be financed.

The Council thus acknowledged at the time that the funds available under the financing method chosen might not be sufficient to cover all the expenditure and a period was set within which the Commission was to make financing proposals for any further expenditure required.

2. On account of lack of experience with regard to the work envisaged and its scale and complexity, it was not possible to adopt detailed rules of application for the compilation of the register at once. It was first necessary to carry out a pilot experiment to determine the survey method. This experiment was completed in 1978.

On 19 February 1979 the Management Committee for Oils and Fats agreed on detailed rules of application on the basis of the pilot experiment, but made its formal approval conditional on a solution being found for financing the remainder of the expenditure, since the sum required was far more than the approximately 7 million EUA provided by the deduction from the production aid for the 1973/74 and 1974/75 marketing years.

Despite the difficulties in assessing to a sufficient degree of accuracy expenditure stretching over several years and the uncertain costs of a number of the operations planned, the total cost of compiling the register ^{can be put} between 25 and 30 million EUA, plus updating costs.

3. In the present economic situation no contribution can be levied from the growers, as market olive oil prices will not, as in 1973/74 and 1974/75, compensate for any reduction in the aid. Other sources of finance must be found.

The production aid provisions of the new olive oil market organization, operational since 1 January 1979 (limiting of aid to areas planted with olive-trees on 31 October 1978, and for growers who are not members of producer groups calculation of the aid on the number and production potential of their olive-trees) have streng-

thinned even further the Community's interest in the establishment of a register, and justify Community financing. The producer Member States also stand to gain from information on this production potential, and this justifies a financial contribution on their part.

It is proposed that, to cover the surplus expenditure that will be incurred in compiling the register, the Council adopts a joint Community and national financing arrangement with the cost for each country, in view of the respective interests involved, being borne in proportion of two-thirds by the EAGGF Guarantee-section and one-third by the Member State.

The approximate sum of 12 MEUA now available is sufficient to start the operation off and cover the work for roughly two years.

4. It arises out of the proposal submitted to the Council that the financing for the updating of the register, once completed, shall be borne by the Member States concerned.

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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 it was specified in Article 3 of Council Regulation (EEC) No 154/75 of 21 January 1975 on the establishment of a register of olive cultivation in the Member States producing olive oil⁽¹⁾ that part of the aid for the 1973/74 and 1974/75 marketing years granted to producers was to be withheld to finance the work needed to establish a register of olive cultivation;

Whereas, in view of the large amount of work required, the sum yielded by the aid withheld falls well short of actual needs;

Whereas the method of financing the extra expenditure required to establish the register should be specified;

Whereas one aim of compiling a register of olive production is the better operation of the Community's olive oil production aid arrangements; whereas compilation of the register therefore constitutes intervention on the internal market within the meaning of Article 3 of Council Regulation (EEC) No 729/70 of 21 April 1970 on the financing of the Common Agricultural Policy⁽²⁾, as last amended by the Act of Accession; whereas, because the individual countries stand to benefit from information on their potential olive production, provision should also be made for the Member States in question to contribute to the expenditure involved,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION :

(1) OJ No L 19, 24.1.1975, p. 1

(2) OJ No L 94, 28.4.1970, p. 13

Sole Article

Article 3 of Regulation (EEC) No 154/75 is amended to read as follows:

"Article 3

1. The competent authorities of the producer Member States responsible for paying the aid provided for in Article 10 of Regulation No 136/66/EEC shall, when making payment, reduce the amounts in question :
 - (a) for the 1973/74 marketing year, by 1 %;
 - (b) for the 1974/75 marketing year, by 5 %.
2. The amounts thus withheld shall be used to finance the establishment of the register of olive production. The same financing procedure shall be used as is specified for the expenditure referred to in Articles 2 and 3 of Regulation (EEC) No 729/70.
3. For each Member State, two-thirds of any expenditure on the establishment of the register exceeding the amounts yielded by the deductions provided for in paragraph 1 shall, notwithstanding Article 3(1) of Regulation (EEC) No 729/70, be financed from the Guarantee Section of the EAGGF.
4. Eligible expenditure shall be that incurred under contracts between intervention agencies and natural or legal persons entrusted with the relevant work, or, in cases where the Member State has the work done by its own official departments, the costs incurred other than administrative and supervision costs.
Member States shall notify the Commission beforehand of the content of the contracts or the estimated cost of the work.
5. Any detailed rules required for the implementation of this paragraph shall be adopted under the procedure laid down in Article 13 of Regulation (EEC) No 729/70."

This Regulation shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in all Member States.

Done at

For the Council

FICHE FINANCIERE

DATE : 4.4.1979

1. LIGNE BUDGETAIRE : 631-Interventions pour l'huile d'olive CREDITS : 299,7 MUCE

2. INTITULE DE LA MESURE : Proposition de règlement du Conseil, modifiant le règlement (CEE) n° 154/75 portant établissement d'un casier oléicole dans les Etats membres producteurs d'huile d'olive.

3. BASE JURIDIQUE : Art. 43 du Traité

4. OBJECTIFS DE LA MESURE : Prévoir des dispositions supplémentaires au sujet du financement du casier oléicole, après épuisement des retenues sur les aides à la production octroyées pour les campagnes 1973/74 et 1974/75, afin de permettre l'achèvement et la mise à jour du casier oléicole.

5. INCIDENCES FINANCIERES	PERIODE DE 12 MOIS	EXERCICE EN COURS (79)	EXERCICE SUIVANT (80)
5.0 DEPENSES A LA CHARGE			
- DU BUDGET DES CE (CREDIT D'INTERVENTION)		1 à 2 Muce	5 à 6 MUCE
- DU FEOGA			
5.1 RETENUES		(dépenses couvertes par les retenues déjà enregistrées)	
- DU BUDGET DES ETATS MEMBRES CONCERNÉS			
	à partir de 1981		
5.0.1 PREVISIONS DES DEPENSES	19 à 22 MUCE étalées sur quelques années		
5.1.1 DU BUDGET DES ETATS MEMBRES CONCERNÉS			

5.2 MODE DE CALCUL :

Suite aux essais faits, les coûts totaux de l'établissement du casier oléicole sont évalués à 25 à 30 MUCE (voir explication en annexe A).

Compte tenu des retenues sur l'aide évaluée à 7 Muce (voir explications en annexe B), les dépenses supplémentaires seront de l'ordre de 18 à 23 MUCE, dont:

- 2/3 à la charge du Feoga, garantie (12 à 15,35 Muce)
- 1/3 à la charge des Budgets des Etats membres concernés (6 à 7,65 MUCE)

6.0 FINANCEMENT POSSIBLE PAR CREDITS INSCRITS AU CHAPITRE CONCERNÉ DU BUDGET EN COURS D'EXECUTION	OUI/ NON
6.1 FINANCEMENT POSSIBLE PAR VIREMENT ENTRE CHAPITRES DU BUDGET EN COURS D'EXECUTION	OUI/ NON
6.2 NECESSITE D'UN BUDGET SUPPLEMENTAIRE	OUI/ NON
6.3 CREDITS A INSCRIRE DANS LES BUDGETS FUTURS	OUI/ NON

OBSERVATIONS :

Voir annexe

JUSTIFICATIONS SUR LE MODE DE CALCUL

A. VENTILATION DE LA DÉPENSE TOTALE ENVISAGÉE

<u>Opérations</u>	<u>Montants en M.U.C.E.</u>
- Recueil des plans topographiques et cadastraux des zones oléicoles; matériaux photographiques et bandes magnétiques d'enregistrement; exécution du vol et couverture en blanc et noir et en infrarouge couleur des zones oléicoles ; traitement visuel et par calculateur des données obtenues afin de l'identification et le comptage des oliviers	de 7 à 8
- Triangulation aérienne et construction des orthophotos ; report des cartes cadastrales sur la mosaïque des orthophotos, avec préparation et harmonisation préalables des plans cadastraux ; vérification et contrôle sur le terrain.....	de 8 à 10
- Collecte des données concernant les caractéristiques des parcelles oléicoles et typologie des oliviers y afférant; classement des oliviers ; comparaison des données ainsi obtenues avec celles figurant dans les déclarations de culture prévues dans le cadre de l'octroi de l'aide à l'huile d'olive ; vérification des cas de discordance; élaboration définitive des données	de 10 à 12

Total : de 25 à 30

B. DÉPENSE SUPPLÉMENTAIRE

Le règlement (CEE) n° 154/75 a prévu pour le financement de l'établissement du casier oléicole, de retenir sur l'aide octroyée au titre des campagnes 1973/74 et 1974/75 respectivement 1 et 5 %. Ces retenues n'ont pas fait l'objet d'un versement aux Etats membres concernés et sont enregistrées en tant que dépenses non effectuées, sans pour autant avoir fait l'objet d'une mise en réserve proprement dite. Il y a donc eu moindre dépense et par conséquent il faudra réinscrire au budget le montant correspondant à cette retenue.

Au 31.12.1978 ces retenues enregistrées s'élevaient à 7,43 milliards de lires et 250.000 FF. Déduction faite du paiement de 130 millions de lires pour les essais permettant de choisir la méthode d'établissement du casier en Italie, il subsiste des retenues correspondant à environ 6,5 Muce. Comme toutes les aides ne sont pas encore payées, les retenues pourraient finalement atteindre environ 7 Muce. Il en résulte donc un coût supplémentaire de 18 à 23 MUCE dont, selon la proposition de la Commission, 2/3 sont à la charge du Feoga, garantie et 1/3 à la charge des budgets des Etats membres concernés.