

COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

GENERAL BUDGET FOR 1980
SECTION III - COMMISSION

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<u>I. Provenance</u>	<u>Ceiling</u>
Any chapter with availabilities in the form of carried-over 1979 appropriations or 1980 appropriations which would otherwise lapse	102.500.000 EUA

Depending on availabilities, the Commission plans to draw on these appropriations in the following order:

- Title 10
- Title 4
- Title 1
- Title 2
- Title 3
- Title 9
- Titles 6 and 7
- Title 8
- Title 5

The Commission would stress that it is unlikely that enough funds will be available to top Article 580 up to the required level.

II. Destination

Chapter 58 - SUPPLEMENTARY MEASURES TO ASSIST THE UNITED KINGDOM

Article 580 - Supplementary measures to assist the United Kingdom
102.500.000 EUA

It will, of course, be for the Commission to select the items or articles from which to deduct appropriations for transfer to Chapter 58.

GROUNDS

On 6 November the Council decided to make advance payments of up to 22.2 million EUA to the United Kingdom under Article 5 of Council Regulation (EEC) n° 2744/80, a payment of 200 million EUA to be made by the end of the 1980 year.

The draft supplementary and amending budget for 1980, adopted by the Council on 6 November provides for the financing of up to 119.7 million EUA of the 222.2 million EUA from surplus revenue for 1980.

The Commission would suggest to the budgetary authority that, subject to availability, the remainder of the advance payment (viz. up to 102.5 million EUA) be made up by means of an open transfer.

The open transfer formula, which is more or less the same as that adopted by the Council in 1973, 1974, 1975 and 1976, is the only feasible solution since it is impossible to say at this stage how much of the above sum can be released and from which budgetary heading. It is understood, however, that only appropriations which would otherwise lapse on 31 December 1980 will be transferred, namely :

- (a) appropriations carried over from 1979 which cannot be used in 1980;
- (b) non-differentiated appropriations for 1980 which cannot be carried over on a non-automatic basis.

Even if these sources are exploited to the full it is unlikely, on the basis of current estimates, that there will be enough funds available to make up the necessary 102.5 million EUA.