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<u>From Chapter 83</u>	-	Common measures in particular sectors	
Article 836	-	Milk sector	
Item 8360	-	Premium for the non-marketing of milk and for the conversion of dairy herds	
		Appropriations for commitment:	360.000
		Appropriations for payment:	360.000
<u>To Chapter 89</u>	-	Assumption by the Community of certain financial obligations pursuant to agreements on fishing rights in non-Community waters	
Article 891	-	Payment of compensation for salmon fishing in the Baltic.	360.000

The Financial Controller has approved this proposal, attesting that the appropriations are available at 4 July 1979.

JUSTIFICATION

For several years now, certain Beltic States, in particular Sweden, have been implementing programmes for stocking and breeding young salmon with a view to permitting a high level of catches of this species in the Baltic.

However, approximately 50% of the total catches are made by Danish and German fishermen. As the continuation of this activity is of vital importance to these fishermen and it is impossible, for biological reasons, for Denmark and the Federal Republic of Germany to contribute physically to the conservation measures, the Governments of these two Member States have been meeting some of the cost of the breeding programme being implemented by the Swedish authorities.

On 3 November 1976, the Council took a decision authorizing the Commission to begin negotiations on behalf of the Community with a view to concluding fishing agreements with non-member countries. Subsequently, on 21 March 1977, the Commission signed an outlined fishing agreement between the Community and Sweden for which the ratification procedures are under way.

Moreover, in the context of the above-mentioned agreement, negotiations between a Community delegation and the Swedish Government delegation led to the initialling on 30 March 1979 of an agreement between the European Economic Community and the Government of Sweden on certain measures to promote the reproduction of salmon in the Baltic Sea. The Council's decision authorizing the signing of the Agreement is expected at an early date.

The initialled agreement provides for a financial contribution from the Community, replacing the contributions from Denmark and the Federal Republic of Germany, to the programme for breeding and stocking young salmon implemented by Sweden, which will be linked to the salmon-fishing quota granted to Community fishermen in the Swedish fishing zone.

The financial contribution from the Community will be determined in the context of annual consultations between the parties concerned. The delegations have already agreed to a contribution of Skr 2 000 000 (about 360 000 EUA) for 1979, to be paid before 15 August 1979.

The budgetary framework for this expenditure is provided by Article 891 (Payment of compensation for salmon fishing in the Baltic) introduced in the 1979 Budget. However, this heading was allocated only a token entry. The appropriation required for this operation in 1979 must therefore be made available by transferring 360 000 EUA to Article 891 from Item 8360 (Premiums for the non-marketing of milk and for the conversion of dairy herds).

As the measure for non-marketing of milk has been implemented more slowly than was originally expected, a considerable proportion of the requirements for 1979 can be financed out of the appropriation for commitment outstanding

Item 8360: Premiums for the non-marketing of milk and for the conversion of dairy herds

Summary of the transfers of appropriations to other budget headings (in m EUA):

1.	Initial appropriations (for commitment and for payment)	73.40
2.	Articles or items to receive appropriations by the transfer procedure:	
	3101 Campaign against African swine fever	2.50
	3103 FAO vaccines	0.30
	860 Common measures to improve the structures of non-industrial inshore fisheries	10.00
	891 Payment of compensation for salmon fishing in the Baltic	0.36
	892 Payments in respect of compensation and dues relating to fishing in the maritime waters of certain African countries	4.50
	923 Food aid (other commodities)	3.70
	Total	21.36
3.	Appropriations in Item 8360 after transfers	52.04