COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

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Proposal for a COUNCIL REGULATION (EEC)

regarding the deadline for the submission of applications for grants from the European Agricultural Guidance and Guarantee Fund, Guidance Section, for the year 1977

(submitted to the Council by the Commission)

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

- Regulation (EEC) No 17/64 fixes the final date for the presentation of requests for subsidy from the EAGGF, Guidance Section, and for the taking of decisions about them.
- 2. The study of the applications for 1975 was completed in April 1976, in accordance with the provisions of Regulation (EEC) No. 3309/75. The Commission hopes that it will be possible to decide on the 1976 applications, which were submitted before 1st April 1976, within the time limit laid down in Regulation No. 17/64/EEC, in other words before 31 December 1976. This would mean that the lag accumulated in the first years of operation of the system, which amounted to 12 months for the 1972 projects, will be fully make up and there will be no need to provide for an extension of the time-limit for decisions.
- 3. This speeding up of the process means that the time-limit for the submission of applications must be altered so that applications can be submitted right up to the time when the Commission staff begins to examine them. The deadline for the submission of projects for 1977 should thus be fixed at 15 December 1976.

PROPOSAL FOR THE COUNCIL REGULATION (EEC)
regarding the final date for submitting applications
for aid from the European Agricultural Guidance and
Guarantee Fund, Guidance Section, for 1977

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 1,

Whereas Council Regulation No 17/64/EEC of 5 February 1964 on the conditions for granting aid from the European Agricultural Guidance and Guarantee Fund², as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 3171/75³, fixes the final dates for submitting applications for aid from the EAGGF, Guidance Section, and for the relevant decisions to be taken;

Whereas the final date for submitting applications for 1977 should be amended to take account of the speeding up of the examination of the projects and the taking of the relevant decisions, HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The time-limit laid down in the first subparagraph, first sentence, of Article 20(1) of Regulation No. 17/64/EEC for the submission of applications for aid from the Guidance Section of the Fund for 1977 shall be extended to 15 December 1976.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on the third day following its publication in the Official Journal of the European Communities.

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

For the Council,
The President

²⁰J No 30J No 34, 27.2.1964, p. 586/64 30J No L 315, 5.12.1975, p. 1