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COMMISSION COMMUNICATION  
TO THE COUNCIL ON EMERGENCY FOOD AID TO BE  
ALLOCATED TO THE INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE OF  
THE RED CROSS FOR DISTRIBUTION TO THE CIVILIAN  
POPULATION OF THE WESTERN SAHARA

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SUMMARY

In this Communication the Commission requests the Council to decide on the allocation of:

- 3 000 t of cereals
- 100 t of skimmed milk powder
- 80 t of butteroil.

to the International Committee of the Red Cross for distribution as emergency food aid to the civilian population of the Western Sahara. These quantities would be delivered cif and would be counted against:

- (a) the reserve provided for in the 1975/76 programme, for the 3 000 t of cereals which will soon be adopted by the Council;
- (b) the Agreement with the ICRC of 3 February 1975, for the 100 t of skimmed milk powder (1974 programme);
- (c) the reserve provided for in the 1975 programme, for the 80 t of buuteroil.

## I. THE REQUEST FROM THE INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE OF THE RED CROSS (ICRC)

As a result of the worsening of the situation of the civilian population affected by events in the Western Sahara, the ICRC has requested emergency food aid for 81 000 people comprising:

40 000 refugees and displaced persons in southern Algeria, for whom 2 000 t of cereals and 100 t of skimmed milk powder is requested<sup>1</sup>;

25 000 people living in the Northern zone of the Western Sahara, for whom 900 t of wheat flour and 50 t of butteroil is requested;

16 000 people living in the Southern zone of the Western Sahara, for whom 300 t of rice and 30 t of butteroil is requested.

The overall quantities requested are 4 133 t of unprocessed cereal equivalent, 100 t of skimmed milk powder and 80 t of butteroil. This aid would be distributed by the local societies of the Red Cross

and the operation would be supervised by an ICRC delegate who would be sent out when the products were distributed.

## II. THE COMMUNITY'S SCOPE FOR ACTION

1. In view of the above considerations, the Commission feels that a favourable response should be given to this request and that a decision should be taken to allocate the following food aid to the ICRC for distribution to the victims of the events in the Western Sahara:

3 000 t of cereals  
100 t of skimmed milk powder  
80 t of butteroil.

These quantities have been calculated on the basis of the criteria normally applied by the Community in operations of this type<sup>2</sup>.

<sup>1</sup>Pursuant to the authorization provided for in the Agreement with the ICRC of 3 February 1975 (OJ No L 75 of 24 March 1975, p. 7), the Commission decided on 31 December 1975 on an initial emergency aid measure involving 100 t of skimmed milk powder.

<sup>2</sup>500 g of unprocessed cereals and 30 g of skimmed milk powder per person per day for a period of approximately three months.

- (a) The cereals would be counted against the general reserve provided for in the 1975/76 programme which will soon be adopted by the Council.
- (b) The skimmed milk powder would be counted against the Agreement with the ICRC of 3 February 1975<sup>1</sup> (1974 programme).
- (c) The butteroil would be counted against the general reserve provided for in the 1975 programme<sup>2</sup>.

This operation is estimated to cost 562 000 u.a. and will be financed by appropriations from the 1975 and 1976 budgets - 169 000 u.a. and 393 000 u.a. respectively.

2. In conclusion, the Commission recommends that the Council approve the following arrangements to help the civilian population of the Western Sahara:

(i) the allocation of emergency food aid consisting of:

3 000 t of cereals  
100 t of skimmed milk powder  
80 t of butteroil

for distribution by the International Committee of the Red Cross;

(ii) these quantities would be delivered cif<sup>3</sup>:

the 3 000 t of cereals would be counted against the general reserve of the 1975/76 programme which will soon be adopted by the Council;  
the 100 t of skimmed milk powder would be counted against the Agreement with the ICRC of 3 February 1975 (1974 programme);  
the 80 t of butteroil would be counted against the general reserve of the 1975 programme.

The Commission therefore recommends that the Council adopt the acts annexed hereto.

<sup>1</sup>At the present time 655 t of skimmed milk powder is still available.

<sup>2</sup>At the present time 2 609 t of butteroil is still available.

<sup>3</sup>Because of the urgency of the situation, these foodstuffs would be mobilized under the mutual agreement procedure.

FINANCIAL ANNEX

I. COST OF THE COMMUNITY AID

<u>1. Raw materials</u>	<u>t</u>		<u>u.a./t</u>		<u>u.a.</u>
cereals	3 000	x	115.97	=	347 910
skimmed milk powder	100	x	408	=	40 800
butteroil	80	x	1 435	=	114 800
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2. Transport

Cereals	3 000 t	x	15 u.a.	=	45 000 u.a.
Skimmed milk powder	100 t	x	50 u.a.	=	5 000 u.a.
Butteroil	80 t	x	100 u.a.	=	8 000 u.a.

58 000

Total cost

561 510

II. BUDGET ENTRIES INVOLVED

3 000 t of cereals counted against the general reserve of the 1975/76 programme:

item 9201 of the 1976 budget, for which an appropriation of 97.97 million u.a. is earmarked

100 t of skimmed milk powder counted against the quantities allocated to the ICRC under the 1974 programme:

credits 1975: Council carryover of ± 10 million u.a. to the 1976 budget (item 9210)

80 t of butteroil counted against the general reserve of the 1975 programme:

credits 1975: automatic carryover of 14 million u.a. to the 1976 budget (item 9210).

PROPOSAL FOR A COUNCIL DECISION

of

on the Community financing of certain costs in respect of  
the food aid allocated to the International Committee of  
the Red Cross under the 1975/76 programme for distribution  
to the civilian population of the Western Sahara

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THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation No 1703/72 of 3 August 1972  
amending Regulation (EEC) No 2052/69 on the Community financing  
of expenditure arising from the implementation of the Food Aid Convention  
of 1967 and laying down rules for the Community financing of  
expenditure arising from the implementation of the Food Aid Convention  
of 1971, and in particular Articles 8(1) and 10(1) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Whereas the International Committee of the Red Cross would have  
difficulty in meeting the costs of forwarding from the job stage the  
food aid in the form of cereals allocated under the 1975/76 programme for  
the civilian population of the Western Sahara; whereas these costs  
should therefore be borne by the Community;

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<sup>1</sup>OJ No L 180, 8.8. 1972, p. 1.

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Sole Article

The Community shall finance the costs incurred between the job stage and the cif stage in respect of its allocation of food aid to the International Committee of the Red Cross under the 1975/76 programme for distribution to the civilian population of the Western Sahara.

Done at Brussels,

For the Council

The President

PROPOSAL FOR  
COUNCIL REGULATION (EEC) No  
of  
derogating from Regulation (EEC) No 2750/75 as regards the  
procedure for mobilizing food aid allocated to the International  
Committee of the Red Cross for distribution to the civilian  
population of the Western Sahara

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THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 2727/75 of 29 October 1975 on the common organization of the market in cereals<sup>1</sup>, and in particular Article 28 thereof,

Having regard to Council Regulation No 359/67/EEC of 25 July 1967 on the common organization of the market in rice<sup>2</sup>, as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 668/75<sup>3</sup>, and in particular Article 23a thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Whereas, in view of the urgent needs of the civilian population of the Western Sahara, the mobilization of the cereals allocated as food aid to the International Committee of the Red Cross should be carried out by a procedure which is as flexible and rapid as possible,

Whereas the tender procedure provided for in Article 4 of Council Regulation (EEC) No 2750/75 of 29 October 1975 fixing criteria for the mobilization of cereals intended as food aid<sup>4</sup> does not always guarantee the necessary flexibility and speed ; whereas it is therefore necessary to provide for the use of a different procedure,

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<sup>1</sup>OJ No L 281, 1. 11. 1975, p. 1.

<sup>2</sup>OJ No 174, 31. 7. 1967, p. 1.

<sup>3</sup>OJ No L 72, 20. 3. 1975, p. 18.

<sup>4</sup>OJ No L 281, 1. 11. 1975, p. 89.



HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

By way of derogation from Article 4 of Regulation (EEC) No 2750/75, a procedure other than an invitation to tender may be used for the supply of the cereals and rice allocated as food aid to the International Committee of the Red Cross under the 1975/76 programme for distribution to the civilian population of the Western Sahara.

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.

Done at ,

For the Council

The President

PROPOSAL FOR  
COUNCIL REGULATION (EEC) No

of

on the supply of butteroil to the International Committee  
of the Red Cross for distribution to the civilian population  
of the Western Sahara as food aid pursuant to Regulation (EEC) No 1542/75

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THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 1541/75 of 16 June 1975  
laying down general rules for the supply of milk fats as food aid to  
certain developing countries and international organizations under the  
1975 food aid programme<sup>1</sup>, and in particular Articles 3 and 8 thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Whereas Regulation (EEC) No 1541/75 provides for the supply of 43 400 metric  
tons of butteroil as food aid to certain developing countries and  
international organizations,

Whereas Council Regulation (EEC) No 1542/75 of 16 June 1975 on the supply  
of milk fats as food aid to certain developing countries and international  
organizations under the 1975 food aid programme<sup>2</sup> provides for a reserve of  
4 550 metric tons of butteroil;

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<sup>1</sup>OJ No L 157, 19. 6. 1975, p. 4.

<sup>2</sup>OJ No. L 157, 19. 6. 1975, p. 6.

Whereas the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) has requested food aid in the form of butteroil for distribution to the civilian population of the Western Sahara; whereas the needs of the people concerned are such as to warrant food aid from the Community;

Whereas it is necessary that the Community shall pay the costs of shipment up to the cif stage,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

80 metric tons of butteroil shall be allocated to the International Committee of the Red Cross for distribution to the civilian population of the Western Sahara out of the 4 550 metric tons of butteroil equivalent provided for as a reserve by Regulation (EEC) No 1542/75.

Article 2

The Community shall finance the costs of shipment up to the cif stage.

Article 3

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.

Done at Brussels,

For the Council

The President