

COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

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COMMISSION COMMUNICATION TO THE COUNCIL

ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE EXCEPTIONAL
FOOD AID OF 40 MILLION ECU's FOR THE LEAST
DEVELOPED COUNTRIES (LLDCs)

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The Commission has transmitted two Communications(1) to the Council and Parliament giving the general background to the action which the Commission proposes to take in view of the worsening world food situation.

The first part of the action plan proposed by the Commission, which is to take effect immediately, involves the allocation of exceptional food aid of 40 million ECU, the financing of which is provided for in draft amending budget No 2/1981.

This food aid will be implemented as follows :

Nature of the products

Various foodstuffs (cereals, oils, legumes, sugar or other products) will be supplied to the populations of the LLDCs with a view to meeting their specific needs as closely as possible integrating aid as far as possible in the development process and meeting their most urgent needs.

Distribution channels

The equivalent of 100 000 t of cereals will be made available to the World Food Programme to be used for the benefit of the LLDCs under the International Emergency Food Reserve (IEFR).

Specific direct food aid operations will be undertaken rapidly on the basis of food shortages, balance of payments deficits and the agricultural development programmes to be implemented.

If necessary, indirect aid could be granted to international or non-governmental organizations for the implementation of specific programmes to alleviate food shortages.

(1) COM(81) 546 final
COM(81) 560 final

Recipients

The recipients will be the populations of the LLDCs listed in the annex.

The Commission will ensure that this aid is provided as soon as possible. It will report periodically to the Council and Parliament on the implementation of this operation.

AFGHANISTAN (token entry)

BANGLADESH

BENIN

BHUTAN

BOTSWANA

BURUNDI

CAPE VERDE

CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC

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DEMOCRATIC YEMEN (token entry)

ETHIOPIA

GAMBIA

GUINEA

GUINEA-BISSAU

HAITI

LAOS PDR (token entry)

LESOTHO

MALAWI

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