

COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

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94/0273 (CNS)

Proposal for a

COUNCIL REGULATION (EC)

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amending Regulation (EEC) No 3438/92 laying down special measures
for the transport of certain fresh fruit and vegetables
originating in Greece as regards the duration of their application

(presented by the Commission)

REPORT FROM THE COMMISSION TO THE COUNCIL

on the cost of the aid measures for the transport
of certain fruit and vegetables in 1993
provided for in Council Regulation (EEC) No 3438/92

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

1. Council Regulation (EEC) No 3438/92, as amended by Regulation (EC) No 1016/94, provides for 1992, 1993 and 1994 for a special temporary allowance for the transport of certain fruit and vegetables originating in Greece to Member States other than Italy, Spain and Portugal owing to the need for these products to avoid the territory of the former Yugoslavia.

2. Article 2(4) of Regulation (EEC) No 3438/92 requires the Commission to present a report to the Council on the cost of the aid measures for the transport of certain fruit and vegetables. COM(94) 89 final reported on consignments in 1991 (governed by Council Regulation (EEC) No 525/92) and 1992.

This report covers the cost of those measures during 1993, when the total cost was around ECU 6 million, charged to the EAGGF.

3. Given that the conflict in the former Yugoslavia is continuing, it is proposed that the Council extend the measure for 1995, unless the conflict in the former Yugoslavia is resolved in the meantime.

4. This measure should automatically apply, where appropriate, to consignments to the new Member States from 1995 (Austria, Finland, Sweden and Norway) given their geographical position in relation to Greece and the former Yugoslavia.

5. Since this special measure for the transport of certain fresh fruit and vegetables falls within the exclusive competence of the Community, the measures concerned must be taken at Community level.

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THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community, and in particular Article 43(2) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission⁽¹⁾,

Having regard to the opinion of the European Parliament⁽²⁾,

Whereas Regulation (EEC) No 3438/92⁽³⁾, as amended by Regulation (EC) No 1016/94⁽⁴⁾, lays down special measures for the transport of certain fresh fruit and vegetables originating in Greece and dispatched in the period 1992 to 1994 to Member States other than Italy, Spain and Portugal;

Whereas, since the conflict in the territories of the former Yugoslavia continues, these measures, covering temporary assistance to the operators involved in avoiding these territories, should be extended for a maximum of one year,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

(1) OJ No
(2) OJ No
(3) OJ No L 350, 1.12.1992, p. 1.
(4) OJ No L 112, 3.5.1994, p. 1.

Article 1

In Article 2(1) of Regulation (EEC) No 3438/92, the phrase "in 1992, 1993 and 1994" is hereby replaced by "in 1992, 1993, 1994 and 1995".

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on 1 January 1995.

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

Done at Brussels,

For the Council

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Article 2(4) of Council Regulation (EEC) No 3438/92⁽¹⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 1016/94⁽²⁾, requires the Commission to present a report to the Council on the cost of the aid measures for the transport of certain fruit and vegetables.

A report on 1991 and 1992 was presented on 22 March 1994 (COM(94) 89 final).

This report concerns the cost of the measures in 1993.

1. Background

The conflict in the former Yugoslavia, which broke out in 1991, has hindered the transport of certain Greek agricultural products to the other Member States. This has particularly affected the transport of fruit and vegetables, given their highly perishable nature.

Because of this special situation, without precedent since the introduction of the common agricultural policy, the Council decided to give compensation for certain fruit and vegetables to offset the additional costs arising from the need to avoid the former Yugoslavia.

(1) OJ No L 350, 01.12.1992, p. 1.

(2) OJ No L 112, 03.05.1994, p. 1.

The aid was granted for certain fruit and vegetables in view of their perishable nature and their importance for the Greek economy. The measures cover those fruit and vegetables included in the common organization of the market in fruit and vegetables, i.e. those covered by Council Regulation (EEC) No 1035/72⁽³⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 3669/93⁽⁴⁾. The principal fruit and vegetables are covered with the exception, in particular, of potatoes, which are not (yet) covered by a common organization of the market.

2. Legislation

Council Regulation (EEC) No 3438/92 introduced a special temporary allowance for 1992, 1993 and 1994 which applied to consignments by rail, road and ship to the other Member States, excluding Italy, Spain and Portugal.

The Commission then adopted a number of implementing Regulations including Regulation (EEC) No 226/93,⁽⁵⁾ amended by Regulations (EEC) No 2827/93⁽⁶⁾ and (EC) No 3320/93,⁽⁷⁾ and Regulation (EEC) No 936/93,⁽⁸⁾ amended by Regulations (EEC) Nos 1827/93⁽⁹⁾ and (EEC) No 2827/93⁽⁶⁾ concerning consignments in 1993.

Aid was initially fixed at ECU 2.3/100 kg net weight and then increased to ECU 4 from 1 October 1993 when the embargo on Yugoslavia was extended to transit traffic.

The competent Greek authorities were given responsibility for examining aid applications, deciding on their admissibility, making payment and for carrying out checks on the operations.

The measures are financed by the European Agricultural Guidance and Guarantee Fund (EAGGF), Guarantee Section.

The Greek authorities must notify the Commission of the quantities in respect of which aid for transport has been paid.

(3) OJ No L 118, 20.05.1972, p. 1.

(4) OJ No L 338, 31.12.1993, p. 26.

(5) OJ No L 30, 06.02.1993, p. 49.

(6) OJ No L 258, 16.10.1993, p. 14.

(7) OJ No L 298, 03.12.1993, p. 20.

(8) OJ No L 96, 22.04.1993, p. 22.

(9) OJ No L 167, 09.07.1993, p. 2.

3. Cost of the aid

The figures below are based on the information supplied by Greece regarding the consignments in respect of which aid for transport was paid in 1993. The data supplied to the Commission are broken down by product, means of transport, Member State of destination and the amount of the special temporary allowance.

Aid was paid for a total of 229 957 719 kg of fruit and vegetables, 4% more than in 1992. Of that quantity, 187 123 789 kg (81%) received the special temporary allowance of ECU 2.3/100 kg and 42 833 930 kg (19%) received the special temporary allowance of ECU 4/100 kg. The cost of the measure was therefore ECU 6 017 204.347.

4. Analysis

A breakdown by product of the quantities shipped is given in Table 1.

Grapes were the main product for which aid was paid, accounting for 31% of the total followed by peaches and nectarines (18%), and cucumbers (15%).

The principal Member State of destination was Germany with 70% of the total quantity, followed by the Netherlands (16%) and the United Kingdom (10%) (see Table 2).

A total of 96% of the consignments were sent by road and only 3% by rail and 1% by ship.

Table 1

Quantities of fruit and vegetables originating in Greece in respect of which aid for transport was paid (by product and by amount of aid)

Product	Quantities shipped (kg)			
	Quantity (kg)	%	ECU 2.3/100 kg	ECU 4/100 kg
Grapes	71 576 610	31.13	55 382 902	16 193 708
Peaches and nectarines	41 531 144	18.06	41 531 144	0
Cucumbers	35 052 979	15.24	25 784 879	9 268 100
Oranges	19 600 041	8.52	15 087 031	4 513 010
Asparagus	16 172 783	7.03	16 172 783	0
Kiwi fruit	12 810 511	5.57	2 862 111	9 948 400
Apricots	10 551 545	4.59	9 709 919	841 626
Water melons	9 836 425	4.28	9 836 425	0
Cherries	7 408 572	3.22	7 408 572	0
Mandarins	3 654 348	1.59	1 893 900	1 760 448
Sweet peppers	1 029 355	0.45	803 904	225 451
Apples	245 931	0.11	245 931	0
Cabbages	179 509	0.08	179 509	0
Courgettes	84 648	0.04	69 685	14 963
Quinces	74 660	0.03	7 770	66 890
Plums	68 840	0.03	68 840	0
Green beans	18 994	0.01	18 994	0
Tomatoes	18 649	0.01	18 649	0
Melons	16 818	0.01	16 818	0
Pears	15 340	0.01	15 340	0
Mirabelle plums	8 683	0.00	8 683	0
Lemons	1 334	0.00	0	1 334
Total	229 957 719	100	187 123 789	42 833 930

Table 2

Consignments of fruit and vegetables originating in Greece in respect of which aid for transport was paid in 1993 (by Member State of destination)

Member State of destination	Quantities (kg)	%
D	162 046 570	70.47
NL	37 789 483	16.43
UK	22 891 347	9.95
F	3 482 624	1.51
DK	3 164 806	1.38
B	582 889	0.25
IRL	0	0.00
L	0	0.00

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

1. BUDGET HEADING: 1509

APPROPRIATIONS: ECU 56 million

2. TITLE:

Council Regulation (EC) amending Regulation (EEC) No 3438/92 laying down special measures for the transport of certain fresh fruit and vegetables originating in Greece

3. LEGAL BASIS:

Article 43 of the Treaty

4. AIMS OF PROJECT:

To compensate Greece for additional transport costs arising as a result of the situation in the former Yugoslavia

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS	PERIOD OF 12 MONTHS (ECU million)	CURRENT FINANCIAL YEAR (1994) (ECU million)	FOLLOWING FINANCIAL YEAR (1995) (ECU million)
5.0. EXPENDITURE			
- CHARGED TO THE EC BUDGET (REFUNDS)	16.9	-	10.9
- NATIONAL ADMINISTRATION			
- OTHER			
5.1. REVENUE			
- OWN RESOURCES OF THE EC (LEVIES/CUSTOMS DUTIES)			
- NATIONAL			
	1996	1997	1998
5.0.1. ESTIMATED EXPENDITURE	6.0	-	-
5.1.1. ESTIMATED REVENUE			

5.2. METHOD OF CALCULATION:

• Quantities planned for export in 1995: 350 000 t; 225 000 t chargeable to the 1995 budget and 125 000 t to the 1996 budget

• Cost of the measure:

1995 budget: 225 000 t x ECU 40/t x 1.207 = ECU 10.9 million (B)

1996 budget: 125 000 t x ECU 40/t x 1.207 = ECU 6.0 million (B)

TOTAL : ECU 16.9 million (B)

6.0. CAN THE PROJECT BE FINANCED FROM APPROPRIATIONS ENTERED IN THE RELEVANT CHAPTER OF THE CURRENT BUDGET?

YES

6.1. CAN THE PROJECT BE FINANCED BY TRANSFER BETWEEN CHAPTERS OF THE CURRENT BUDGET?

YES

6.2. IS A SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET NECESSARY?

NO

6.3. WILL FUTURE BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS BE NECESSARY?

YES

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