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Proposal for a
COUNCIL REGULATION (EEC)

on the organization of a survey on the structure of agricultural
holdings for 1983

(submitted to the Council by the Commission)

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Statement of intentions

In 1979/80 a survey was carried out on the structure of agricultural holdings in the Community as part of a programme of Community surveys necessitated by the requirements of the common agricultural policy.

The present proposal for a regulation is intended to provide the framework for an updating of the 1979/80 survey in 1983, since changes over time in the structure of agricultural holdings are an important element in examining the development of the common agricultural policy.

The proposal also contains some specific provisions for Italy since this country was unable to carry out the 1979/80 survey.

**PROPOSAL FOR A
COUNCIL REGULATION (EEC)**

**on the organization of a survey on the structure of agricultural holdings
for 1983**

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,

**Whereas, pursuant to Council Regulation (EEC) N° 218/78¹⁾,
a survey on the structure of agricultural holdings was carried out for 1979/80
as part of a programme of Community surveys necessitated by the requirements
of the common agricultural policy;**

**Whereas, as part of the same programme, a survey should also be carried out
for 1983 in order to enable the trends of the said structure to be examined
since these trends are an important factor in determining the development of
the common agricultural policy;**

**Whereas such trends cannot be examined unless comparable data are available
for the whole Community;**

**Whereas it is therefore necessary for the survey to have the same scope as
the structures survey for 1979/80;**

**Whereas it is therefore necessary, in principle, to retain for the 1983
structure survey the characteristics and their definitions laid down for
the 1979/80 survey in Regulation (EEC) No 218/78 and in Commission Decision
78/592/EEC²⁾ respectively and the Community outline of the**

1) OJ N° L 35, 4.2.1978, p.1

2) OJ N° L195, 20.7.1978, p.22

schedule of tables, the standard code and the detailed rules for the transcription on to magnetic tape of the data contained in such tables, laid down for the 1979/80 survey in Commission Decision 79/833/EEC¹⁾ and supplemented in Decision 80/722/EEC²⁾;

Whereas in order to assess the importance of other gainful activities of members of the farm family, information should be collected on characteristics relevant to this topic, and whereas it is necessary to prescribe and define these characteristics and to lay down a Community schedule of tables utilizing this information;

Whereas it is necessary, for the specific needs of the 1983 survey, to introduce certain minor modifications to the definitions, the Community outline of the schedule of tables, the standard code and the detailed rules for the transcription on to magnetic tape of the data contained in such tables, laid down for the 1979/80 survey;

Whereas in order to facilitate the implementation of the provisions of this Regulation, there should be continuing close cooperation between the Member States and the Commission, in particular via the Standing Committee for Agricultural Statistics set up by Council Decision 72/279/EEC³⁾;

Whereas it is necessary, given the inability of Italy to carry out the 1979/80 survey, to include special provisions for this Member State,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Member States shall between 1 October 1982 and 31 December 1983 carry out a survey (hereinafter referred to as "the survey") on the structure of the agricultural holdings in their territories.

Article 2

1. The survey shall be conducted in one or more stages and shall be carried out by means of an exhaustive enquiry or by samples designed to minimize

1) OJ N° L 259, 15.10.1979, p. 45

2) OJ N° L 194, 28. 7.1980, p. 19

3) OJ N° L 179, 7. 8.1972, p. 1

sampling errors. In either case, Member States shall take the necessary steps to minimize errors of observation. Where sampling is employed, sample sizes shall be large enough to provide statistically reliable raised results at the various levels of aggregation required by Article 6(1)(a) and (b).

2. In view of Italy's inability to carry out the survey on the structure of agricultural holdings for 1979/80 by the date required by Regulation (EEC) N° 218/78, Italy shall, on this occasion, carry out an exhaustive enquiry.

Article 3

1. For the purposes of applying this Regulation:

- (a) "agricultural holding" shall mean a single unit, both technically and economically, which has a single management and which produces agricultural products;

- (b) "agricultural area utilized for farming" shall mean the total area taken up by arable land, permanent pasture and meadow, land used for permanent crops and kitchen gardens.

2. The survey shall cover:

- (a) agricultural holdings where the agricultural area utilized for farming is one hectare or more;

- (b) agricultural holdings where the agricultural area utilized for farming is less than one hectare, if they market a certain proportion of their products or if their production exceeds certain physical limits.

Article 4

1. In the case of combined crops, the agricultural area utilized for farming shall be allocated between the various crops surveyed in proportion to the amount of land each take up.

2. The area used for secondary successive crops shall be recorded separately from the area used for farming.

Article 5

Member States shall carry out the survey on the characteristics listed in the Annex.

The survey in Italy shall, however, be carried out on the full list of characteristics in the Annex to Regulation (EEC) N° 218/78 and on the characteristics listed in section X of the Annex to this Regulation.

The definitions relating to the characteristics and the regional levels referred to in Article 6 shall be determined according to the procedure laid down in Article 10.

Article 6

1. Member States shall:

- (a) set out the results of the survey at national and regional levels in the form of a schedule of tables drawn up in accordance with a Community outline. This schedule shall be drawn up in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 10;
- (b) with the exception of the Netherlands, give the results of the survey broken down by less-favoured agricultural areas, within the meaning of Article 3 of Council Directive 75/268/EEC¹⁾ and by mountain areas within the meaning of paragraph 3 of the said Article. The Commission may lay down, in agreement with the Member State concerned, groupings of these areas;
- (c) transcribe the results of the survey referred to in (a) and (b) onto magnetic tape using a standard method for all Member States. The standard method and detailed rules for transcription of results shall be drawn up in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 10;
- (d) submit the magnetic tapes referred to in (c) to the Statistical Office of the European Communities. They shall be submitted within 15 months of completion of the field work and at the latest by 31 March 1985.

2. Italy shall set out the results of her survey both in the form of the schedule of tables laid down in Decisions 79/833/EEC and 80/722/EEC and in the form specified under paragraph 1.

1) OJ N° L 128, 19.5.1975, p. 1

Article 7

1. Further tables or geographic levels may be added to the schedule referred to in Article 6 in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 10; in such cases the cost to the Member States shall be examined.
2. If the Commission undertakes further studies, the Member States shall as necessary and as far as possible provide the information requested by the Commission. This shall be done by joint agreement between the Commission and the Member State concerned, subject, in particular, to the necessary guarantee of statistical confidentiality.

Article 8

The information referred to in Article 6 must be communicated to the Statistical Office of the European Communities in such a form that the holdings concerned cannot be identified.

Article 9

In cooperation with the Member States, the Commission shall publish the results of the survey.

Article 10

1. Where the procedure laid down in this Article is invoked, the matter shall be referred to the Standing Committee for Agricultural Statistics (hereinafter referred to as "the Committee") by its chairman, either on his own initiative or at the request of the representative of a Member State.
2. The Commission representative shall submit to the Committee a draft of the measures to be taken. The Committee shall give its opinion on that draft within a time limit set by the chairman having regard to the urgency of the matter. Opinions shall be delivered by a majority of 45 votes, the votes of the Member States being weighted as provided in Article 148(2) of the Treaty. The chairman shall not vote.

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3. The Commission shall adopt measures which shall take immediate effect. However, if these measures are not in accordance with the Committee's opinion, the Commission shall submit them forthwith to the Council; in this case, the Commission may defer application of the measures it has adopted for not more than one month from the date of their submission to the Council.

The Council, acting by a qualified majority, may take a different decision within one month.

Article 11

This Regulation shall enter into force on the 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

- NOTES**
- (i) Except for Italy, sections D to I shall relate to the crop year corresponding to the crop to be harvested in 1983.
- (ii) For section J the dates to which livestock numbers relate shall be notified to the services of the Commission by the Member States.

LIST OF CHARACTERISTICS

A. Geographical situation of the holding

01 District

02 Less-favoured area

yes/no

02_a Mountain area

yes/no

B. Legal personality and management of the holding
(on the day of the survey)

01 Is the legal and economic responsibility of the holding assumed by a natural person?

yes/no

02 If yes,
is this person (the holder) also the manager?

yes/no

C. Type of tenure (in relation to the holder)

Agricultural area utilized:

ha/are

01 for owner farming

...../.....

02 for tenant farming

...../.....

03 for share farming or other modes

...../.....

D. Arable land

Cereals for the production of grain (including seed):

01 Common wheat and spelt

...../.....

02 Durum wheat

...../.....

03 Rye

...../.....

04 Barley

...../.....

05 Oats

...../.....

06 Grain maize

...../.....

07 Rice

...../.....

08 Other cereals

...../.....

09 Dried vegetables (including seed and mixtures of cereals and dried vegetables)

...../.....

ha/are

10 Potatoes (including early potatoes and seed potatoes)/.....
11 Sugar beet (excluding seeds)/.....
12 Forage roots and tubers (excluding seeds)/.....
13 Industrial plants (including seeds for herbaceous oilseed plants; excluding seeds for fibre plants, hops, tobacco and other industrial plants) of which:	
13a tobacco/.....
13b hops ¹⁾/.....
13c cotton ²⁾/.....
13d other oilseed and fibre plants*)/.....
13e other industrial plants/.....
Fresh vegetables, melons, strawberries:	
14 - outdoor, of which;	
a) open field/.....
b) market gardening/.....
15 - under glass/.....
Flowers and ornamental plants (excluding nurseries):	
16 - outdoor/.....
17 - under glass/.....
18 Forage plants	
18a temporary grass/.....
18b other/.....
19 Arable land seeds and seedlings (excluding cereals, dried vegetables, potatoes and oilseed plants)/.....
20 Other arable land crops/.....
21 Fallow land/.....
E. Kitchen gardens/.....
F. Permanent pasture and meadow³⁾	
01 Pasture and meadow, excluding rough grazings/.....
02 Rough grazings/.....

*) 13d and 13e may be merged

1) Optional for Greece

2) Optional except for Greece

3) Italy and Greece may merge heading 01 with heading 02

G. Permanent crops

01 Fruit and berry plantations/.....
02 Citrus plantations/.....
03 Olive plantations/.....
04 Vineyards, of which normally producing:	
04a quality wine/.....
04b other wines/.....
04c table grapes/.....
04d raisins ¹⁾/.....
05 Nurseries/.....
06 Other permanent crops/.....
07 Permanent crops under glass ²⁾/.....

H. Other land

01 Unutilized agricultural land (agricultural land which is no longer farmed, for economic, social or other reasons, and which is not used in the crop rotation system)/.....
02 Woodland/.....
03 Other land (land occupied by buildings, farmyards, ³⁾ tracks, ponds, quarries, infertile land, rock etc.)/.....

I. Successive cropping, mushrooms, irrigation, greenhouses

01 Successive secondary non-fodder crops (excluding market garden crops and crops under glass)*)/.....
02 Mushrooms ⁴⁾/.....
03 Irrigated area ⁴⁾/.....
04 Ground area covered by greenhouses in use ⁴⁾/.....

1) Optional except for Greece

2) Optional for Greece

3) The United Kingdom and Ireland may merge heading 03 with heading 01

4) Optional for Germany

*) In Member States where the area covered by this heading is substantial, it may be subdivided into several crops

J Livestock	number of head
01 Equidae	.....
Bovine animals:	
02 Under one year old	.....
One year old or over but under two years old:	
03 Male animals	.....
04 Female animals	.....
Two years old and over:	
05 Male animals	.....
06 Heifers	.....
07 Dairy cows	.....
08 Other cows	.....
Sheep and goats:	
09 Sheep (all ages):	.....
09a of which ewes	.....
10 Goats (all ages)	.....
Pigs:	
11 Piglets having a live weight of under 20 kg	.....
12 Breeding sows weighing 50 kg and over	.....
13 Other pigs	.....
Poultry:	
14 Broilers	.....
15 Laying hens	.....
16 Other poultry (ducks, turkeys, geese, guinea-fowl)
17 Other livestock*)	yes/no

*) Optional

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L. Farm Labour Force (in the 12 months preceding the day of the survey)

Farm work for holding ¹⁾ as % of annual time worked by a full-time farm worker					
	>0 - <25	25 - <50	50 - <75	75 - <100	100
01a Holder 02 Spouse carrying out farm work on the holding 03 Other members of holders' family 04 Non-family labour regularly employed			N° of persons:		

Non-family labour employed on a non-regular basis:

05 + 06 Number of equivalent full-time working days:

01b Age of holder (years) ≤24 25 - 34 35 - 44 45 - 54 55 - 64 65 and over

- tick -

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01c Sex of holder

- tick -

Male

Female

1) Apart from housework

07 Does the holder have any other gainful activity: ¹⁾

as his/her major occupation?

as a subsidiary occupation?

- tick as appropriate -

08 Does the holder's spouse, carrying out farm work for the holding, have any other gainful activity:

as his/her major occupation?

as a subsidiary occupation?

- tick as appropriate -

09 Does any other member of the holder's family engaged in the farm work of the holding have any other gainful activity:

as his/her major occupation?

as a subsidiary occupation?

- Insert number of persons -

1) Question put only if holder and manager are the same person

M. Other gainful activity

01 If the holder is engaged in other gainful activity (OGA), either on the holding or elsewhere, is the annual work time given by him/her to all other gainful activities (other than farm work on his/her own holding) greater or less than that given to farm work on his/her own holding?

Tick as appropriate time given to OGA greater than to farm work on own holding

time given to OGA less than or equal to farm work on own holding

02 If the holder's spouse carries out some farm work on the holding and is also engaged in other gainful activity, either on the holding or elsewhere, is the annual work time given to all other gainful activities greater or less than that given to farm work on the family holding?

Tick as appropriate time given to OGA greater than to farm work on holding

time given to OGA less than or equal to farm work on holding

03 Type and location of holder's other gainful activity (activities)

- 1. Tourism (caravan site, camp site, bed and breakfast, etc.)
- 2. Craft industry
- 3. Forestry
- 4. Fishing
- 5. Farm work on another holding
- 6. Other gainful activity not mentioned above

	A	B
1. Tourism (caravan site, camp site, bed and breakfast, etc.)		
2. Craft industry		
3. Forestry	—	
4. Fishing		
5. Farm work on another holding	—	
6. Other gainful activity not mentioned above		

Place tick in column A for each other gainful activity carried out wholly within the boundaries of the holding and in column B for each carried out wholly outside; where an other gainful activity is performed both within and outside tick in both columns.

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04 Type and location of spouse's other gainful activity (activities)
where spouse is carrying out some farm work on the holding.

1. Tourism (caravan site, camp site, bed and breakfast, etc.)
2. Craft industry
3. Forestry
4. Fishing
5. Farm work on another holding
6. Other gainful activity not mentioned above

A	B
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Place tick in column A for each other gainful activity carried out wholly within the boundaries of the holding and in column B for each carried out wholly outside; where an other gainful activity is performed both within and outside tick in both columns.

