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PROPOSAL FOR A COUNCIL DECISION CONCERNING
THE GRANT OF CEREALS FOOD AID TO THE POPU-
LATIONS OF LEBANON AFFECTED BY RECENT EVENTS

(presented by the Commission to the Council)

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I. INTRODUCTION

1. The Commission indicated, in its communication to the Council for the 1982 (1) food aid programme, that certain countries would be dealt with under separate proposals, especially as regards cereals, taking into account particular situations. This applies to cereals for Lebanon.

2. Lebanon has requested the following from the 1982 programme :

- 22 000 t wheat flour,
- 5 000 t rice,
- 4 700 t skimmed milk powder,
- 2 350 t butteroil.

These quantities are for free distribution to 125,000 families victims or displaced (around 625,000 people) in Beirut and its suburbs, in the south of the country and Bekaa and the north.

3. This free distribution programme has been organised for some years by the "Comité supérieur de secours" which received from the E E C in 1981 10 000 t of cereals FOB (in the form of 3 448 t of rice), 1 100 t of milk powder and 1 000 t of butteroil (2).

A report to the use of this 1981 aid is annexed to this communication.

(1) Doc. COM(81) 804 final of 27.1.82.

(2) To the value of 4.63 M ECU at world prices and 8.09 M ECU at E E C prices.

II. PROPOSAL

To continue E E C food aid to Lebanon and to give assistance needed because of the latest events suffered by the country, it is proposed to agree for the affected populations the attribution of 20 000 t of cereals to be delivered CIF. This quantity will be taken from the 1982 programmes general reserve.

The cereals will be distributed free to the population affected by recent events, by several specialist organisations, to be determined by the Commission to ensure equitable and efficient distribution of the aid.

The world price cost of this food aid is estimated at 4.2 M ECU and the E E C price at 5.5 M ECU. It is not a supplementary expenditure as it has already been included in the programmes for which credits have already been agreed.

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In conclusion the Commission proposes the Council adopts the Decision annexed hereto.

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THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

having regard to the Treaty establishing the European economic Community,

having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

whereas the Council by its Decision of 26 April 1982 has reserved, within the 1982 cereals food aid programme, certain quantities for emergency and other unforeseen situations,

whereas the quantities are still available from that reserve,

whereas the Community has received requests for emergency food aid for the populations affected by events in Lebanon,

whereas the Community should give a favourable reply to these requests,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS :

Sole article

A cereals food aid from the 1982 programmes reserve is allocated as follows :

<u>Beneficiary</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Delivery conditions</u>
Lebanese and other populations	20 000 t	CIF

Done at Brussels,

For the Council,

The President

ANNEXDelivery and use of E E C food aid to Lebanon in 19811. Food aid delivered in 1981 to Lebanon

In 1981, Lebanon received the following direct food aid :

Programmes	Produce and quantities	Arrival date and ships name	Value in Million ECU	
			World price	E E C price
1980 (1)	850 t milk powder	January 81 "Batroun"	0.43	1.13
	700 t butteroil	" "	0.84	2.73
1981	3,448 t riz	4 août 81 "Nadag"	1.63	2.25
	1,100 t lait	1er septembre 81 "Victoria K"	0.95	1.61
	1,000 t but- teroil	21 octobre 81 "Beiteddine"	2.05	4.23
Total			5.90	11.95

2. Food aid distributed in 1981 in Lebanon

This aid (plus a balance of 547 t of butteroil delivered in 1980) have been distributed by the "Comité supérieur de secours" in three areas of the country.

- a. Beirut and its suburbs : to 50,000 families a ration of 50 kg of flour, 5 kg of milk powder and 5 kg of butteroil.
Two distributions were made in April and July 1981.

(1) In addition :

- 10 000 t cereals from the 1980 programme delivered 29.10.80 by "Euro Ferry" and distributed in 1981 in the form of 7 500 t of flour (value estimated at 1.1 M ECU at world prices and 1.75 M ECU at E E C prices).
- 250 t milk powder from the 1980 programme were delivered 11.8.80 by "Slanic" and distributed in 1980.

b. South and West Bekaa to 82,000 families.

The first distribution was made in January 1981. The rations distributed were 100 kg flour, 5 kg milk powder and 5 kg butteroil.

The second distribution of 5 kg butteroil was made in July 1981.

The third distribution, in October 1981, was of 20 kg rice, 5 kg of milk powder and 10 kg butteroil.

c. Zahle to 10,000 families.

First distribution (April 1981), 5 kg milk powder and 5 kg butteroil.

Second distribution (August 1981), 5 kg rice, 5 kg milk powder and 5 kg of butteroil;

Total : 7,500 t flour
 1,690 t rice
 1,170 t milk powder
 1,580 t butteroil

were distributed in 1981 to 117,000 families (around 585,000 people).

3. Stocks at the end of 1981

Quantities of food aid in stock at the end of 1981 were :

- 667 t of butteroil (1),
- 780 t of milk powder,
- 1,758 t of rice.

These have been distributed at the beginning of 1982.

(1) including 547 t stock available 31.12.80 and distributed in 1981.

