

COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

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COMMUNICATION FROM THE COMMISSION TO THE COUNCIL

concerning emergency food aid for the Afghan refugees in Pakistan

Proposal for a COUNCIL REGULATION (EEC)

on the supply of skimmed-milk powder to the U N H C R as
emergency food aid for the Afghan refugees in Pakistan
under Regulation (EEC) no. 1037/82

(submitted to the Council by the Commission)

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1. Food requirements of the Afghan refugees and requests received

The international bodies acting for the Afghan refugees (U N H C R and W F P) have recently published the food requirements of the 2,100,000 Afghan refugees in Pakistan. These requirements for the period 1 April 1982 to 31 December 1982 total approximately :

- 284,000 t of cereals,
- 17,100 t of skimmed-milk powder,
- 17,100 t of butteroil,
- 11,400 t of sugar.

Taking into account the quantities already delivered or committed, the outstanding requirements for the same period are currently :

- 151,000 t of cereals,
- 9,403 t of skimmed-milk powder,
- 9,634 t of butteroil,
- 10,878 t of sugar.

The U N H C R and W F P have consequently launched an appeal for additional aid for this project. The W F P has recently adopted an emergency project for the Afghan refugees involving 27,000 t of cereals, milk and vegetable oil, with the emphasis on cereals, and has asked the E E C to supply 24,696 t of wheat, which corresponds to the balance of the quantities allocated by the E E C to the W F P under the International Emergency Food Reserve for 1981.

2. Possible Community measures

The Community has already decided to grant food aid of 50,000 t of cereals (1) in 1982 for Afghan refugees in Pakistan.

(1) The estimated value of this aid is approximately 10.2 M ECU at world prices and 12.8 M ECU at internal prices.

However, with regard to the requirements expressed recently, the following additional food aid could be decided :

- 24,696 t of wheat,
- 3,000 t of skimmed-milk powder.

The cereals would be offset against the reserve made available to W F P under the I E F R for 1981, and the milk products would come from the general reserve of the 1982 programme :

- 24,696 t of cereals (I E F R 1981),
- 10,990 t of milk (1982 programme).

The value of this aid is estimated at the following world prices :

- 5.20 M ECU for cereals,
- 3.36 M ECU for skimmed-milk powder
8.56 M ECU.

The financing could come from the funds available under the Communities' general budget.

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To conclude, it is proposed that the Council decide on the following allocations to Afghan refugees in Pakistan :

- emergency food aid of 24,696 t of wheat, via the W F P, under the I E F R 1981, with transport costs to be reimbursed to the W F P as far as the CIF stage;
- emergency food aid of 3,000 t of skimmed-milk powder via U N H C R to be delivered CIF under the general reserve of the 1982 skimmed-milk powder food aid programme.

It is consequently proposed that the Council adopt the regulation in annex.

Moreover, taking into account the requirements in oil and sugar indicated by the U N H C R, the Commission intends to allocate the following products, to be delivered CIF, to the Afghan refugees in Pakistan (via the U N H C R) under the funds in the 1982 budget :

- sugar : 1,500 t, at an estimated value of 0.5 M ECU (1),
- vegetable oil : 2,000 t, at an estimated value of 1.5 M ECU (2).

It is informing the Council and the European Parliament of its intention.

(1) Funds entered under item 9220 : 2.8 M ECU.

(2) Funds entered under item 9230 : 5 M ECU.

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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. 1037/82 of 26 April 1982
laying down general rules for the supply of skimmed-milk powder to certain
developing countries and specialized bodies under the 1982 programme (1),
and in particular Article 7 thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Whereas Council Regulation (EEC) no. 1038/82 of 26 April 1982 on the supply
of skimmed-milk powder to certain developing countries and specialized bodies
under the 1982 food aid programme (1) provides for a reserve of 10,990 tonnes
of skimmed-milk powder; whereas certain quantities are still available under
that reserve;

Whereas the Community has received a request from the U N H C R for
emergency food aid in skimmed-milk powder for the Afghan refugees in Pakistan;
whereas the situation justifies the supply of food aid by the Community,

(1) O.J. no. L 120, 1.5.1982.

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION :

Article 1

From the quantities of skimmed-milk powder still available in the context of the reserve provided for by Regulation (EEC) no. 1038/82, 3,000 tonnes shall be allocated to the U N H C R as emergency food aid for the Afghan refugees in Pakistan. The financing relates to the cost of the skimmed-milk powder at the CIF stage.

Article 2

The 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

