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COMMUNICATION FROM THE COMMISSION
TO THE COUNCIL
ON FOOD AID IN THE FORM OF SKIMMED-MILK
POWDER AND CEREALS THROUGH THE INTERNATIONAL
COMMITTEE OF THE RED CROSS FOR DISTRESSED SECTIONS OF
THE POPULATION IN INDIA

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Summary

The Commission hereby requests the Council to decide on the allocation of 1 000 t of skimmed-milk powder and 3 534 t of cereals to the International Committee of the Red Cross as food aid for certain distressed sections of the population in India. These quantities would be delivered cif under the agreement of 3 February 1975 concluded between the EEC and the ICRC.

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

1. In a letter dated 30 June 1975 the International Committee of the Red Cross requested, under the agreement concluded with it on 3 February 1975, the allocation to the Indian Red Cross of certain quantities of food aid in the form of 1 000 t of skimmed-milk powder and 3 534 t of cereals.

2. The 1 000 t of skimmed-milk powder requested by the ICRC is made up as follows:

(a) 760 t of milk for 550 centres with a total population of 110 000 people (women, children, elderly people); the programme is to last approximately seven months and the milk is to be distributed at the rate of 1 kg per person per month;

(b) 240 t of milk for 45 centres for Pakistani refugees in the State of Rajasthan; the programme is to last one year with a distribution of 1 kg of milk per person per month for 20 000 people (women, children, elderly people, sick people).

3. Concerning the cereals, the ICRC is requesting 1 400 t of wheat grain and 2 134 t of husked rice so that the Indian Red Cross can continue for a further six months with its distribution programmes - its food stocks will be exhausted by August 1975 - to the needy population of the thirteen Indian States affected by drought.

The total request, therefore, is for 3 534 t of cereals (the balance of the quantity available under the agreement of 3 February 1975).

4. In accordance with the terms of the agreement, delivery will be made cif port of unloading.

5. This programme may be assessed at approximately 1 560 000 u.a. at world prices, to be charged against Chapter 92 of the 1975 Budget. This sum does not involve any new budgetary expenditure since it falls within the agreement

concluded with the ICRC on 3 February 1975 as part of the 1974 food aid programmes.

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PROPOSED DECISION

In conclusion, the Commission proposes that the Council decide to grant the International Committee of the Red Cross food aid in the form of :

1 000 t of skimmed-milk powder and
3 534 t of cereals

to be distributed free of charge to distressed sections of the population in India,
to be delivered cif port of unloading, under the agreement signed on 3 February 1975
with the ICRC.

