

European Community

News Release

EUROPEAN COMMUNITY FOOD FOR POLAND

The E.C. Council of Ministers has decided that the Community will give Poland the opportunity to purchase the following quantities of foodstuffs at favourable prices:

Butter	10,000 tonnes
Hard Cheese	5,000 tonnes
Whole Milk Powder	2,000 tonnes
Skim Milk Powder	30,000 tonnes
Meat	30,000 tonnes
Sugar	50,000 tonnes
Edible Oils	20,000 tonnes
Rape-seed	50,000 tonnes
Barley	175,000 tonnes
Rye	25,000 tonnes
Wheat	200,000 tonnes
Rice	50,000 tonnes

Poland will be permitted to purchase these products at prices some 15 per cent below world levels. The price reductions, which are in addition to the normal restrictions, will cost the European Community budget over \$55 million.

This food aid to Poland will be the second "tranche" since the decision taken by the European Council of 1 - 2 December 1980 to assist Poland in the present circumstances and on an exceptional basis. The first "tranche" which was of similar magnitude, is presently being delivered.

The financing of these exports through special credits or other arrangements is the responsibility of the individual member states which are themselves providing additional food aid to Poland.

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