

COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

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RECOMMENDATION FOR A COUNCIL DECISION

authorising the Commission to open negotiations with the ACP states referred to in Protocol no 3 annexed to the ACP-EEC Convention of Lomé, and with the Republic of India, concerning the guaranteed price for cane sugar

(submitted to the Council by the Commission)

Explanatory memorandum

1. Subject

Both Protocol No 3 on ACP sugar annexed to the ACP-EEC Convention of Lomé and the Agreement with India on cane sugar place an obligation on the Community to purchase, at guaranteed prices, agreed quantities of white or raw sugar originating in the ACP states and India. Article 5 (4) of the Protocol and of the Agreement require these prices to be negotiated annually within the price range obtaining in the Community, taking into account all relevant economic factors. The Community prices to apply in the sugar sector during the 1976/77 marketing year which begins on 1 July 1976 were fixed by the Council at its session on 2,3 and 4 March 1976.

The present guaranteed prices apply until 30 June 1976. Accordingly, this recommendation for a decision seeks a mandate authorising the opening of the negotiations required by Article 5 (4) of the Protocol and of the Agreement in order to fix - at the latest by 1 May 1976 - the guaranteed prices to apply to the delivery period which begins on 1 July 1976.

2. Financial implications

This recommendation for a decision, in particular the annual negotiation of the guaranteed prices, is the normal consequence of the annual price decisions. From the financial point of view it does not involve implications other than those already taken into consideration in the framework of agricultural prices (DOC. COM 75/600 final II pages 119 to 130).

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THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community and in particular Article 113 thereof;

Having regard to the recommendation from the Commission;

Whereas the ACP-EEC Convention of Lomé, signed on 28 February 1975, entered into force on 1 April 1976 (1);

Whereas an agreement on cane sugar between the European Economic Community and the Republic of India, hereinafter referred to as "the Agreement", signed on 18 July 1975, entered in force on 18 July 1975 (2);

Whereas Article 5 (4) of Protocol n° 3 on ACP sugar annexed to the said Convention, hereinafter referred to as "the Protocol", and that of the Agreement provide that the guaranteed price for the agreed quantities of cane sugar shall be negotiated annually,

DECIDES :

Sole Article

1. The Commission is authorised to open negotiations with the ACP states referred to in the Protocol and with the Republic of India on the guaranteed price referred to in Article 5 (4) of the Protocol and of the Agreement.
2. The Commission shall conduct these negotiations in consultation with representatives of the Member States and in conformity with the following directive :

The guaranteed price thus negotiated shall apply only in respect of the delivery period which begins on 1 July 1976.

Done at Brussels,

For the Council
The President

(1) OJ n° L 25 of 30.1.1976

(2) OJ n° L 190 of 23.7.1975, p. 35