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Proposal for a Council Decision on the restructuring of the system of agricultural surveys in Greece*COM(84) 708 final**(Submitted by the Commission to the Council on 10 January 1985)*

(85/C 22/16)

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community, and in particular Article 43 thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Having regard to the opinion of the European Parliament,

Whereas it is necessary, for effective and balanced implementation of the common agricultural policy in Greece, to have statistical and accounting information of satisfactory scope and reliability on agricultural holdings in Greece and on the production, processing and marketing of agricultural products;

Whereas the Greek Government is currently unable to provide the amount and quality of statistical data required for the introduction and implementation of the common agricultural policy, thus making a restructuring of the information collecting and processing system highly desirable in order to create a more solid basis for the statistical information to be supplied; whereas the system could at the same time be brought into line with those in the other Member States, thus improving comparability within the Community;

Whereas in pursuance of Council Regulation No 79/65/EEC ⁽¹⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 2143/81 ⁽²⁾, Greece is required to participate in the Farm Accountancy Data Network; whereas this participation is currently facing serious infrastructure problems; whereas it is therefore desirable that the best advantage should be drawn from improvements in infrastructure whilst at the same time complying

with the current rules governing the Farm Accountancy Data Network;

Whereas, in view of the geographical structure of the country and the small divisions of the agricultural production apparatus, the implementation of a modern system for collecting data calls for very substantial resources;

Whereas, because of economic and budgetary constraints, the Greek Government does not have sufficient means to make the considerable effort involved in establishing a suitable infrastructure and a statistical system comparable to those which already exist in the other Member States;

Whereas the implementation of an effective system for recording agricultural statistics in Greece will be in the interest of the Community and will contribute to the attainment of the objectives defined in Article 39 (1) (a) of the Treaty;

Whereas a Community contribution to the financing of the measures to be taken is envisaged without, however, making expenditure relating to administrative costs or personnel within the meaning of Article 1 (4) of Council Regulation (EEC) No 729/70 ⁽³⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 3509/80 ⁽⁴⁾, chargeable to the Community budget;

Whereas for this purpose the terms on which the Community will help to finance a programme planned and implemented by the Member State concerned should be defined; whereas, while the Greek Government should retain responsibility for such planning in the light of existing administrative structures, certain conditions should be laid down to guarantee optimum utilization of the Community's financial contribution;

⁽¹⁾ OJ No 109, 23. 6. 1965, p. 1859/65.

⁽²⁾ OJ No L 210, 30. 7. 1981, p. 1.

⁽³⁾ OJ No L 94, 28. 4. 1970, p. 13.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ No L 367, 31. 12. 1980, p. 87.

Whereas the Community must be able to ensure that the measures taken by the Greek Government will help to attain the objectives of the joint action and will fulfil the conditions under which the Community financing is granted; whereas the Commission, where necessary, will take action required to review the programme;

Whereas a procedure should be laid down whereby the Member States and the Commission will cooperate closely in the Standing Committee for Agricultural Statistics,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

In order to organize in Greece a system for compiling agricultural statistics and accounting data which will fully satisfy Community requirements in this field, the Greek Government shall ensure:

- (a) the gradual introduction of a coherent programme of statistical surveys, conducted on the basis of samples at agricultural holding level, by interviewers chosen and specially trained for that purpose;
- (b) the strengthening of the central technical and administrative infrastructure responsible for organizing, programming and implementing the compiling and processing of data;
- (c) the strengthening or creation of a regional technical and administrative infrastructure which ensures that the required surveys are carried out and that the data are forwarded to the National Statistical Service of Greece and to the Ministry of Agriculture.

Article 2

The Greek Government shall ensure that, once the restructuring is completed, the organization of the system referred to in Article 1 guarantees the holding of the surveys required or likely to be required at Community level and that these surveys fulfil the requirements of Community law as regards scope and purpose and the reliability and time limits prescribed, without any further financial aid being granted by the Community, other than the contribution provided for in this Decision, except in cases where Community contributions are also laid down for the other Member States.

Article 3

1. The organization of the new system of surveys referred to in Article 1 shall begin in 1986 and shall

apply for a period of five years (1986 to 1990) to the following work:

1. Surveys on the structure of agricultural holdings,
2. Surveys on wine-growing holdings,
3. Surveys on areas under fruit trees,
4. Surveys on livestock,
5. Surveys on milk and dairy products,
6. Surveys on the production and marketing of eggs and poultry,
7. Surveys on prices and price indices,
8. Surveys on wages of agricultural workers,
9. The Farm Accountancy Data Network (FADN),
10. Various operations involved in the processing of data on agricultural statistics.

If necessary, this outline programme may be supplemented by new projects dealing with sectors not yet covered statistically which are of interest to both the Community and Greece.

2. The timetable for the introduction of the programme on the basis of the new system shall be as follows:

First year: Macedonia,
 Second year: Macedonia, Thrace, Thessaly and Epirus;
 Third year: Macedonia, Thrace, Thessaly, Epirus, Central Greece and the Ionian Islands;
 Fourth year: Macedonia, Thrace, Thessaly, Epirus, Central Greece, the Ionian Islands and the Peloponnese;
 Fifth year: the whole of Greece.

3. The Greek Government shall be entitled to submit amendments to the programme referred to in paragraphs 1 and 2. The Commission shall decide whether such amendments shall be admitted in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 6.

Article 4

1. From 1986 to 1990, the Greek Government shall submit to the Commission in June each year (t) an annual programme of measures to implement the programme defined in Article 3. The first annual programme, which shall be presented not later than three months after this Decision comes into force, shall include details of the programme of measures to be introduced in the year after it is submitted. This annual programme shall contain information on:

- (a) all the surveys to be carried out in the following year ($t + 1$), specifying in particular the field of observation, the sampling plan, the questionnaires to be used and the anticipated statistical errors;
 - (b) progress achieved in strengthening the technical and administrative apparatus both centrally and regionally;
 - (c) experience gained from the implementation of the previous annual programme ($t - 1$), including progress made in the institution of the new survey system at regional level in each production sector, the statistical errors recorded and measures taken to increase the reliability of the results. At the same time, a report on the use of the Community contribution shall be submitted to the Commission.
2. At the request of the Commission, the Greek Government shall provide, in accordance with paragraph 1, further information on the annual programme submitted.
3. The Commission shall decide whether to approve the annual programme in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 6.

Article 5

1. The Community shall contribute to the programme up to the amount of the appropriations in the budgets of the European Communities earmarked for this purpose and in accordance with the provisions of this Decision. The expenditure to be borne by the Community is estimated at 23 million ECU for the entire programme.
2. The contribution shall be made available to the Greek Government in five yearly instalments after submission and approval of the annual programme referred to in Article 4 (1).

3. The annual distribution of the amount referred to in paragraph 1 shall depend on the progress made in the implementation of the programme.

Article 6

1. Where the procedure laid down in this Article is to be followed, the chairman shall refer to the Standing Committee on Agricultural Statistics, either on his own initiative or at the request of the representative of a Member State.

However, in matters covered by the current rules governing the operation of the FADN, the Committee set up under Article 17 of Regulation No 79/65/EEC shall be called upon to deliver its opinion in accordance with Article 19 of that Regulation.

2. The Commission representative shall submit a draft of the measures to be adopted. The Standing Committee on Agricultural Statistics shall deliver its opinion on the draft within a time limit which the chairman may lay down according to the urgency of the matters submitted for discussion. The opinion shall be delivered by a majority of 45 votes, the votes of the Member States being weighted as provided for in Article 148 (2) of the Treaty. The chairman shall not vote.

The Commission shall adopt measures which shall apply immediately. However, if these measures are not in accordance with the opinion of the Standing Committee on Agricultural Statistics, they shall forthwith be communicated by the Commission. In that event the Commission may defer application of the measures which it has adopted for not more than one month from the date of such communication.

The Council, acting by a qualified majority, may take a different decision within one month.

Article 7

This Decision is addressed to the Hellenic Republic.

Proposal for a Council Regulation (EEC) amending for the third time Regulation (EEC) No 1430/79 on the repayment or remission of import or export duties

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THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community, and in particular Articles 43 and 235 thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission, Having regard to the opinion of the European Parliament,

Having regard to the opinion of the Economic and Social Committee,