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President: Mr Paul KEERSMAEKER,
State Secretary for European
Affairs and Agriculture
of the Kingdom of Belgium



The Governments of the Member States and the Commission of the European Communities were represented as follows:

Belgium:

Mr Paul de KEERSMAEKER
State Secretary for
European Affairs and Agriculture

Denmark:

Mr Bjoern WESTH
Minister for Agriculture

Germany:

Mr Josef ERTL
Federal Minister for Food,
Agriculture and Forestry

Greece:

Mr Costas SIMITIS
Minister for Agriculture

Mr Hans-Jürgen ROHR
State Secretary,
Federal Ministry of Food,
Agriculture and Forestry

France:

Mrs Edith CRESSON
Minister for Agriculture

Ireland:

Mr Brian LENIHAN
Minister for Agriculture

Italy:

Mr Giuseppe BARTOLOMEI
Minister for Agriculture

Luxembourg:

Mr Camille NEY
Minister for Agriculture,
Viticulture, Lakes, Rivers and
Forests

Netherlands:

Mr Jan de KONING
Minister for Agriculture
and Fisheries

United Kingdom:

Mr Peter WALKER
Minister of Agriculture,
Fisheries and Food

Mr Alick BUCHANAN-SMITH
Minister of State,
Ministry of Agriculture,
Fisheries and Food

For the Commission:

Mr Gaston THORN	- President
Mr François-Xavier ORTOLI	- Vice-President
Mr Lorenzo NATALI	- Vice-President
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Mr Poul DALSAGER	- Member

AGRICULTURAL PRICES FOR 1982/1983

RELATED MEASURES AND MEDITERRANEAN ACQUIS COMMUNAUTAIRE

At its meeting on 10 and 11 May the Council reached an overall compromise which was agreed to by nine delegations, with the United Kingdom delegation maintaining a reservation on this compromise as a whole.

At the current meeting on the basis of this compromise the Council adopted, in accordance with the procedure provided for in Article 43 of the Treaty, the Regulations fixing the agricultural prices for the 1982/1983 marketing year and related measures.

Three Member States - Denmark, Greece and the United Kingdom - taking the view that for reasons of principle the voting procedure should not be used in this particular instance, did not vote on these Regulations.

The Council also noted the agreement in principle of a majority of the delegations on a number of provisions adjusting the *acquis communautaire* for Mediterranean products - in particular wine - and the Directives relating to agricultural structures.

The Council will be asked to take a formal decision on these provisions, in particular as regards the Mediterranean *acquis communautaire* and agricultural structures, after it has received the Opinion of the European Parliament and the texts have been finalized.

The Regulations adopted are listed below.

AGRI-MONETARY

1. Regulation amending Regulation (EEC) No 878/77 on the exchange rates to be applied in agriculture

MILK AND MILK PRODUCTS

Council Regulations:

2. fixing the target price for milk and the intervention prices for butter, skimmed-milk powder and Grana Padano and Parmigiano cheeses for the 1982/1983 milk year
3. fixing the threshold prices for certain milk products for the 1982/1983 milk year
4. amending Regulation (EEC) No 1269/79 as regards the conditions for the marketing of reduced-price butter for direct consumption in the 1982/1983 milk year
5. amending Regulation (EEC) No 986/68 laying down general rules for granting aid for skimmed milk and skimmed-milk powder for use as feed
6. amending Regulation (EEC) No 1080/77 on the supply of milk and certain milk products at reduced prices to school children
7. amending Regulation (EEC) No 804/68 on the common organization of the market in milk and milk products
8. amending Regulation (EEC) No 1079/77 in respect of the co-responsibility levy on milk and milk products
9. on provisions to support the incomes of small-scale milk producers during the 1982/1983 milk year
10. amending Regulation (EEC) No 2915/79 as regards the conditions for the entry of certain cheeses under certain tariff headings and Regulation (EEC) No 950/68 on the Common Customs Tariff
11. amending Regulation (EEC) No 3661/81 on interim measures concerning application of the arrangements with Austria and Finland concerning cheese

BEEF AND VEAL

12. Council Regulation fixing the guide price and the intervention price for adult bovine animals for the 1982/1983 marketing year
13. Council Regulation amending Regulation (EEC) No 1357/80 introducing a system of premiums for maintaining suckler cows
14. Council Regulation on the granting of an additional premium for maintaining suckler cows in Ireland and Northern Ireland and repealing Regulation (EEC) No 1056/81
15. Council Regulation on the implementation of the Community scale for the classification of carcases of adult bovine animals for recording market prices in the beef and veal sector
16. Council Regulation concerning the grant of a premium for the slaughter of certain adult bovine animals for slaughter in the United Kingdom during the 1982/1983 marketing year
17. Council Regulation on the grant of a calving premium in Greece, Ireland, Italy and Northern Ireland.

SHEEPMEAT

18. Council Regulation fixing for the 1982/1983 marketing year the basic price, the intervention prices and the reference prices for sheepmeat
19. Council Regulation amending Regulation (EEC) No 1837/80 on the common organization of the market in sheepmeat and goatmeat.

DRIED FODDER.

PEAS AND FIELD BEANS

Council Regulation:

20. fixing the flat-rate production aid and the guide price for dried fodder for the 1982/1983 marketing year.

FRUIT AND VEGETABLES

Council Regulations:

21. fixing certain prices and other amounts applicable in the fruit and vegetables sector for the 1982/1983 marketing year
22. amending Regulation (EEC) No 1035/72 on the common organisation of the market in fruit and vegetables
23. amending Regulation (EEC) No 2511/69 laying down special measures for improving the production and marketing of Community citrus fruit
24. fixing a guarantee threshold for tomato concentrate and whole-peeled tomatoes

SEEDS

Council Regulations:

25. fixing the guide price of castor seeds for the 1982/1983 marketing year
26. fixing the minimum price for castor seeds for the 1982/1983 marketing year
27. amending Regulation (EEC) No 1610/79 introducing supplementary aid for castor seed
28. fixing the guide price for soya beans for the 1982/1983 marketing year
29. fixing the minimum price for soya beans for the 1982/1983 marketing year
30. fixing the amount of aid for fibre flax and hemp for the 1982/1983 marketing year
31. fixing the guide price for linseed for the 1982/1983 marketing year
32. fixing for the 1982/1983 marketing year the guide price for unginned cotton and the quantity of cotton for which aid may be granted in full
33. fixing the minimum price for unginned cotton for the 1982/1983 marketing year
34. concerning measures to promote the use of fibre flax for the marketing years from 1982/1983 to 1986/1987
35. providing for restrictions on the importation of hemp and hemp seed and amending Regulation (EEC) No 1308/70 in respect of hemp.

SUGAR

Council Regulations:

36. fixing for the 1982/1983 marketing year the derived intervention price for white sugar, the intervention price for raw sugar, the minimum prices for A and B beet, the threshold prices and the amount of compensation for storage costs
37. fixing for the 1982/1983 marketing year the sugar prices and the standard quality of beet.

OILS AND FATS

Council Regulations:

38. amending Regulation No 136/66/EEC on the establishment of a common organization of the market in oils and fats
39. fixing for the 1982/1983 marketing year the guarantee threshold for colza and rape seed and certain factors relating thereto
40. fixing the target prices and intervention prices for colza and rape seed and sunflower seed for the 1982/1983 marketing year
41. fixing for the 1982/1983 marketing year the monthly increases in the target and intervention prices for colza and rape seed and sunflower seed

CEREALS AND RICE

Council Regulations:

42. fixing cereal prices for the 1982/1983 marketing year
43. fixing the monthly price increases for cereals, wheat and rye flour and wheat groats and meal for the 1982/1983 marketing year
44. amending Regulation (EEC) No 2731/75 fixing standard qualities for common wheat, rye, barley, maize and durum wheat
45. amending Council Regulation (EEC) No 3103/76 on aid for durum wheat
46. fixing for the 1982/1983 marketing year those Community regions which qualify for aid for durum wheat and the amount of such aid
47. amending Council Regulation (EEC) No 2727/75 on the common organization of the market in cereals
48. fixing rice prices for the 1982/1983 marketing year
49. fixing the monthly price increases for paddy rice and husked rice for the 1982/1983 marketing year
50. amending Regulation (EEC) No 2744/75 on the import and export system for products processed from cereals and rice and amending the Common Customs Tariff
51. amending Regulation (EEC) No 2742/75 on production refunds in the cereals and rice sector.

DRIED FODDER, PEAS AND FIELD BEANS

Council Regulations:

52. fixing, for the 1982/1983 marketing year, the aid activating price, the guide price and the minimum price for peas and field beans
53. laying down special measures for peas and field beans
54. amending Regulation (EEC) No 1117/78 on the common organization of the market in dried fodder.

TOBACCO

Council Regulations:

55. fixing for the 1982 harvest the norm and intervention prices and the premiums granted to purchasers of leaf tobacco, the derived intervention prices for baled tobacco and the reference quality
56. amending Regulation (EEC) No 727/70 on the common organization of the market in raw tobacco.

SILKWORMS

Council Regulation:

57. fixing the amount of aid in respect of silkworms for the 1982/1983 rearing year.

OLIVE OIL

Council Regulations:

58. fixing the production target price, the production aid and the intervention price for olive oil for the 1982/1983 marketing year
59. fixing the monthly increases in the representative market price, the intervention price and the threshold price for olive oil for the 1982/1983 marketing year
60. on the financing of the remaining expenditure on the establishment of a register of olive cultivation.

PIGMEAT

61. Council Regulation: fixing the basic price and the standard quality for slaughtered pigs for the period 1 November 1982 to 31 October 1983.

WINE

62. Council Regulation: fixing, for the period 16 December 1982 to 15 December 1983, the guide prices for wine.

COMMUNITY MEASURE FOR THE ERADICATION OF BRUCELLOSIS, TUBERCULOSIS
AND LEUCOSIS IN CATTLE

The Council gave its agreement to a Directive amending Directive 77/391/EEC, the purpose of which is to continue uninterrupted the programmes for the eradication of brucellosis, tuberculosis and leucosis in cattle for a further two-year period (three years for Greece). The cost of the operation, to be charged to the Community budget from 1983, will be 35 MECU.

PROTECTIVE MEASURES AGAINST FOOT-AND-MOUTH DISEASE

The Council adopted the amendment to Commission Decision 82/259/EEC of 6 April 1982 concerning certain protective measures against foot-and-mouth disease in Denmark. Under this new Decision, Denmark, without prejudice to protective measures applied by the Danish authorities around the latest outbreak of foot-and-mouth disease in the islands of Funen and Zealand, is authorized after 18 May 1982 to send consignments of live bovine animals and swine and certain fresh meat of animals and other meat-based products coming from those islands.

MISCELLANEOUS DECISIONS

Other agricultural decision

The Council adopted a Regulation in the official languages of the Communities amending Regulation (EEC) No 1883/78 laying down general rules for the financing of interventions by the European Agricultural Guidance and Guarantee Fund (EAGGF), Guarantee Section.

Trade policy and customs union

The Council adopted a Regulation in the official languages of the Communities imposing a definitive anti-dumping duty on oxalic acid originating in China and collecting the amounts secured by way of provisional duty on oxalic acid originating in China and Czechoslovakia.

The Council also adopted regulations in the official languages of the Communities temporarily suspending the autonomous Common Customs Tariff duties on:

- certain products intended for use in the construction, maintenance and repair of aircraft;
- a number of agricultural products.

Relations with the EFTA countries

The Council recorded its agreement, as regards the Community, on Recommendation No 1/82 of the EEC-Austria and EEC-Switzerland Joint Committees on Community transit regarding the amendment of the Agreements between the EEC and Austria and the EEC and Switzerland on the application of the rules on Community transit.

The Council also recorded its agreement, as regards the Community, on the Decisions of the EEC-EFTA countries Joint Committees adding to and modifying Lists A and B annexed to Protocol No 3 concerning the definition of the concept of "originating products" and methods of administrative co-operation.

Research

The Council adopted a Decision in the official languages of the Communities adopting a research and development programme (1982 to 1985) in the raw materials sector.

Approximation of laws

The Council adopted a Directive in the official languages of the Communities amending for the second time Directive 76/768/EEC on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to cosmetic products.

Appointment

On a proposal from the Italian Government the Council appointed Mr Antonio SERGI, Ufficio Internationale CISL, alternate member of the Advisory Committee on Freedom of Movement for Workers to replace Mr Francesco CHITTOLINA, alternate member who has resigned, until such time as the members of the Committee are replaced.

Note BIO ■(82) 215 aux Bureaux Nationaux
cc aux Membres du Groupe

Bruxelles le 17 mai 1982

Conseil agricole

Le Conseil a commence ses travaux a 16 h. En attendant que le CSA achieve la verification dans toutes les langues des 61 reglements resultant du compromis sur les prix agricoles, accepte le 11 mai dernier par Neuf Delegations, le Conseil a examine certains points techniques a son ordre du jour. Il a notamment .

- decide que la poursuite des programmes d eradication de la brucellose, de la tuberculose et de la leucose sera financee, a partir de 1983, en dehors du FEOGA-orientation sur un chapitre special du budget reprenant l ensemble des actions veterinaires, ce qui evitera toute ponction des ressources du FEOGA, section Orientation au detriment des programmes structurels existants; pour 1982, le financement sera assure par les economies budget deja prevues.

- approuve une solution aux problemes resultant de l apparition de la fievre aphteuse au Danemark; c est a dire, le Danemark arrete les exportations en provenance de Sjaelland, comme il l avait fait precedemment pour Funen, jusqu a ce qu aucun cas ne soit plus constate pour l ensemble de l ile, plus 14 jours pour l ensemble de l ile et 14 jours supplementaires pour les zones touchees, moyennant quoi la reprise des exportations(munies toutefois d un certificat sanitaire special) est autorisee et les restrictions aux echanges appliquees par les autres Etats Membres sont supprimees.

Le Conseil a ensuite suspendu ses travaux qui reprendront dans la soiree.

Amities
Martin Vasey Comeur 18h45///

Bruxelles, le 18 mai 1982

Note BIO(82)215 (suite 1) aux Bureaux Nationaux
c.c. aux membres du groupe du Porte-Parole

CONSEIL AGRICOLE DES 17 ET 18 MAI 1982 (M. Vasey)

Le Conseil Agricole se reunit mardi matin pour proceder a l'adoption formelle des reglements d'application sur les prix agricoles 1982/83 (a l'exclusion du reglement modifiant l'organisation du marche des vins qui n'a pas encore fait l'objet d'un avis du Parlement).

Lundi soir, la delegation britannique ayant proteste qu'elle n'avait pas eu le temps materiel d'examiner les differents textes soumis a l'approbation du Conseil, et dont certains n'avaient ete diffuses que pendant la journee, il a paru plus sage au President De Keermaecker de ne pas proceder au vote immediatement malgre les informations negatives parvenues de Luxembourg sur le deroulement de la reunion des Ministres des Affaires Etrangeres sur le budget, ceci afin de ne pas ajouter un motif supplementaire de contestation a ce qui risque d'etre en tout cas une decision contestee.

A suivre

Amities

M. SANTARELLI - COMEUR 9H15/////





Bruxelles le 18 mai 1982

Note BIO (82) 215 suite 2 aux Bureaux nationaux
cc aux Membres du Groupe

Conseil agricole

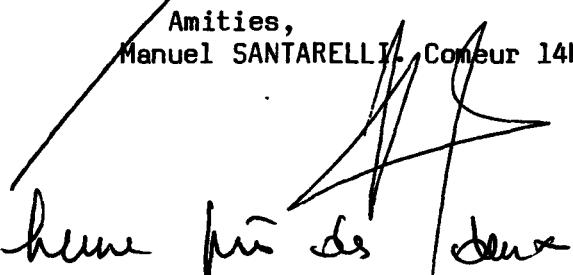
Le Ministre britannique de l'agriculture, M. Walker, a exposé longuement et à plusieurs reprises à l'ouverture des travaux du Conseil que tout vote sur les prix agricoles mettrait en cause le compromis de Luxembourg de 1966. Le President du Conseil, M. de Keersmaeker, a rappelé pour sa part que le dernier Conseil agricole était convenu de la nécessité d'approuver aujourd'hui l'ensemble des règlements agricoles que la Commission avait eu pour tâche de préparer et que neuf délégations partageaient cette conviction.

La séance du Conseil s'est tenue en restreinte dès 9h45. M. de Keersmaeker a annoncé vers midi que M. Tindemans lui avait fait part de la demande de M. Pym de réunir une session d'urgence des Ministres des Affaires Etrangères des Dix; M. de Keersmaeker a signalé que selon M. Tindemans, toutes les autres délégations avaient estimé comme lui-même qu'une telle réunion n'était pas possible dans l'immediat pour des raisons de calendrier et qu'elle n'était pas nécessaire pour la suite des travaux du Conseil agricole.

Le Conseil a procédé ensuite à l'approbation du premier des règlements proposés par la Commission, à savoir le règlement agri-monétaire. Les délégations danoise et grecque ont marqué leur approbation sur le paquet agricole et le règlement en question, et indique qu'elles ne partageaient pas la position de la délégation britannique compromettant l'adoption des règlements agricoles mais qu'elles ne souhaitaient cependant pas qu'il soit procédé à un vote. La délégation britannique a réaffirmé pour sa part sa position fondée sur l'applicabilité du compromis de Luxembourg invoquée en la circonstance.

Le President, M. de Keersmaeker, a déclaré ensuite que ce premier règlement était approuvé en utilisant la formule suivante : "Je constate que la majorité nécessaire est réunie pour l'adoption formelle du présent règlement".

Les Ministres ont poursuivi selon cette procédure, se sont contentes d'un sandwich pour le déjeuner et ont approuvé à ~~14h plus du tiers de la soixantaine de~~ réglements constituant le paquet agricole. *Cette*

Amitiés,
Manuel SANTARELLI. Coupure 14h30//




Bruxelles, le 18 mai 1982

Note BIO(82)215 (suite 3 et fin) aux Bureaux Nationaux
c.c. aux membres du groupe du Porte-Parole

CONSEIL AGRICOLE DES 17 ET 18 MAI 1982 (M. Vasey)

Apres plus de 6 heures de travail ininterrompu, le Conseil a finalement adopte les 61 reglements portant fixation des prix communs et mesures connexes pour la campagne 1982/83, ainsi qu'un reglement relatif aux nouveaux taux de change a appliquer dans le secteur agricole. Les reglements seront publies incessamment et entreront en vigueur au debut de la campagne pour chaque produit et ce, a partir du jeudi 20 mai pour les produits pour lesquels la campagne aurait deja du commencer (lait, viandes bovine et ovine, fourrages seches, choux-fleurs).

Les autres textes resultant du paquet global approuve par les neuf delegations le 11 mai dernier concernant la modification de l'organisation du marche des vins et certaines mesures structurelles seront adoptes lors d'un prochain Conseil.

La seule modification apportee au texte soumis pour approbation au Conseil concernait la prime a l'abattage des gros bovins au Royaume-Uni pour laquelle la participation du FEOGA a ete portee a 40 %.

A l'issue des travaux, la delegation britannique a vigoureusement proteste contre le recours a cette procedure qu'elle estime en violation de l' "Accord de Luxembourg". M. Walker s'est attache en outre a demontrer que les nouveaux prix, tant par leurs incidences budgetaires directes que pour leurs effets d'incitation sur le niveau de production des produits excedentaires, affecteraient les interets britanniques et qu'il y a donc un lien organique avec la question de la contribution budgetaire britannique. Il n'a pas prejuge les suites que le gouvernement britannique tirera de cette affaire.

Les delegations danoise et grecque ont fait des declarations pour marquer leur attachement a la regle de l'unanimité et pour souligner qu'a leur avis l'Etat membre concerne est seul competent pour dire quand ses interets vitaux sont en jeu.

A l'issue du Conseil, Mme Cresson, au nom de la delegation francaise, a fait la declaration suivante :

"1. Les decisions que le Conseil a prises sont des decisions annuelles imposees par les Traites et dont l'objet est d'assurer le fonctionnement normal des organisations de marche dont depend le niveau de vie des agriculteurs.

2. Le compromis de Luxembourg a pour objet d'assurer a chaque Etat membre qu'aucune decision ne peut lui etre imposée s'il estime que ses interets essentiels sont en jeu. Cela n'est pas conteste.

Mais il n'a jamais eu et ne peut avoir pour objet de permettre a un Etat membre de paralyser le fonctionnement normal de la Communaute avec la consequence d'en alterer fondamentalement l'esprit et les regles".

La delegation italienne a fait une declaration analogue.

La Commission, tout en insistant pour que le Conseil prenne ses responsabilites en adoptant les textes qui lui etaient soumis, n'a cherche a aucun moment ni a susciter ni a ouvrir un debat sur la regle de l'unanimité ou le vote majoritaire. Elle fera connaitre les commentaires qu'elle juge appropries lors d'une conference de presse qui sera donnee mercredi par le President Thorn et M. Dalsager.

A l'issue de la reunion, le Conseil a adopte en point A les decisions portant prorogation de la suspension des importations en provenance de l'Argentine jusqu'au 24 mai (l'Italie et l'Irlande n'appliqueront pas les mesures conformement a l'article 224 du Traite; le Danemark ne les appliquera que jusqu'a la mise en vigueur de mesures nationales conformement au meme article.)

