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From Chapter 83:	Common measures in particular sectors	
Article 836:	Milk sector	
Item 8360:	Premium for the non-marketing of milk and for the conversion of dairy herds	
	Appropriations for commitment:	4 500 000
	Appropriations for payment:	4 500 000
To Chapter 89:	Assumption by the Community of certain financial obligations pursuant to agreements on fishing rights in non-Community waters	
Article 892 :	Payments in respect of compensation and dues relating to fishing in the maritime waters of certain African countries	4 500 000

The Financial Controller has approved this proposal, attesting that the appropriations are available at 22 May 1979.

REASONS

On 27 June 1977, the Council empowered the Commission to open negotiations with a number of African countries - Guinea-Bissau, Senegal, Mauritania and Cap Verde - on the conclusion of agreements on fishing in their territorial waters.

As 200-mile zones are introduced, these agreements are intended to replace the bilateral agreements between the Member States and the African states in question which have been suspended or are about to expire.

As the Community is unable to offer reciprocal fishing rights to these African countries, they are to receive financial compensation, some of which will be charged to the Community Budget; the Budget for 1979 contains an Article 892 "payments in respect of compensation and dues relating to fishing in the maritime waters of certain African countries", for which a token entry was made.

At a negotiating meeting held from 27 to 30 April 1979 the Community and Senegal initialled a fishing agreement, which the Council is expected to ratify shortly.

This agreement provides for:

- (i) the payment by shipowners of dues pursuant to Senegalese regulations and varying in size depending on whether catches are landed in Senegal or another country;
- (ii) financial compensation fixed at CFAF 2 500 000 (roughly 8.6 m EUA) and borne by the Community budget to be used to finance projects in the rural sector, particularly sea fishing; half of this sum is payable immediately after the agreement is signed, the other half a year later;
- (iii) the awarding by the Community to Senegalese nationals of study and training scholarships in the various scientific, technical and economic disciplines related to fishing; the modest cost of this action cannot be computed exactly at the present time.

So as to be able to pay half the amount cited above eight weeks after the signing of the agreement, the Commission proposes to:

- (i) transfer to Article 892 appropriations amounting to 4 500 000 m EUA;
- (ii) transfer this sum from Item 8360 "premium for the non-marketing of milk and for the conversion of dairy herds",

It will be recalled that, subject to approval of transfer No. 14/79 by the Budgetary Authority, appropriations amounting to 10 m EUA have already been levied on the allocations to this Item. This new levy will not affect the non-marketing of milk action for which appropriations for commitment and payment amounting to 124.9 m EUA will remain available in the current financial year. This action is proceeding at a slower rate than was foreseen.