

COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

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PROPOSAL FOR A COUNCIL REGULATION (EEC)

amending Regulation (EEC) n° 1852/78 on the interim common
measure for restructuring the inshore fishing industry

(presented by the Commission to the Council)

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EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

On 18 July 1980, the Commission proposed to the Council a common measure for restructuring, modernising and developing the fishing industry and for developing aquaculture (1), which replaced its previous proposal for a measure for restructuring the inshore fishing industry submitted to the Council on 8 June 1978.

As the adoption of a long-term structural policy is closely linked to overall decisions concerning the common fisheries policy, the Council has not yet taken a definitive position regarding this proposal.

For some time, however, the Council has recognised an interest in continuing measures to improve the structure of this industry and its development in certain regions which have extensive fishing possibilities or are particularly suitable for aquaculture. It therefore decided, on 25 July 1978, to adopt an interim common measure for restructuring the inshore fishing industry, initially valid for 1978. This measure was subsequently extended and developed during 1979 and 1980; the amount of Community aid available for the measure increased from 5 MEUA in 1978 to 20 MEUA in 1980, and the scope of the measure was extended in 1980 to include modernisation as well as construction of fishing vessels.

The experience of the last three years has confirmed the interest of the fishing industry in this rationalisation and development measure. In 1978 and 1979, the Commission received a total of 256 applications for aid for the construction of fishing vessels and 28 applications relating to aquaculture installations, for a total contribution of 38.8 MEUA, or almost double the available amount. Community aid granted during this period was concentrated in regions which essentially depend on fishing, expenditure being divided as follows: Ireland 31 %, Italy (Mezzogiorno) 27 %, Scotland 12 %, Northern Ireland 10 %, Brittany 7 %, Greenland 3 % and other regions 10 %. A decision for 1980 will be made before 31 March 1981. It is already clear that the number of new applications is growing (348 applications relating to fishing vessels, 37 applications relating to aquaculture, for a total contribution of 65 MEUA).

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In view of this situation, this proposal is intended to extend this interim measure for 1981, the overall amount available to be increased to 25 million ECUS. This amount is already provided for in the 1981 Budget (i.e., an appropriation of 25 million ECUS in Article 860).

This proposal also provides that projects submitted under the last extension of this Regulation can be reconsidered for aid from the Fund.

Following the accession of Greece to the Community, and taking account of the unfavourable situation with respect to agricultural income and under-employment in certain parts of that country, Greece is included among the regions of the Community in which the financial contribution of the Fund can be 50 % under this Regulation.

Proposal for Council Regulation (EEC) n°

of

amending Regulation (EEC) n° 1852/78 on an interim common measure for restructuring the inshore fishing industry

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 (1).

Whereas Council Regulation (EEC) N° 1852/78 of 25 July 1978 on an interim common measure for restructuring the inshore fishing industry (2), as last amended by Regulation (EEC) N° 1713/80 (3) provided for the financing by the Guidance Section of the European Agricultural Guidance and Guarantee Fund during 1978, 1979 and 1980, of investment projects for the development of inshore fishing or aquaculture according to the particular circumstances of certain regions of the Community ;

Whereas it is appropriate, pending a decision on the set of measures to be implemented within the framework of a common fisheries policy, to ensure the continuation of this measure during 1981 ;

Whereas the Council decided on 16 December 1980 upon the introduction of the ECU to replace the European unit of account in Community acts with effect from 1 January 1981 (4) ;

Whereas provision should therefore be made to fix deadlines for the submission of applications for aid to the Commission ;

Whereas applications submitted under Regulation (EEC) n° 1713/80 which could not receive aid from the Fund owing to the lack of available appropriations should be taken into account under this Regulation ;

Whereas Greece,
is in an unfavourable situation with respect to agricultural incomes and under-employment ; whereas measures for structural development in that country should therefore be reinforced ,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION :

(1) O.J. N°

(2) O.J. N° L 211, 1.8.78, p. 30

(3) O.J. N° L167, 1.7.80, p.50

(4) O.J. N° L 345, 20.12.80, p. 1

Article 1

Regulation (EEC) N° 1852/78 shall be amended as follows :

1. In Article 3 (1) a), second indent, the words "European units of account" shall be replaced by the word "ECUS".
2. Article 6(3) shall be replaced by the following :
 " 3. By way of derogation from paragraph 2, in GREECE,
 Greenland, Ireland, Northern Ireland, the Mezzogiorno and the French overseas departments :
 a) the beneficiary shall finance at least 25 % of the total investment ;
 b) the Member State shall finance at least 5 % of the total investment ;
 c) the subsidy granted by the Fund shall not exceed 50 % of the total investment ".
3. Article 7(2) shall be completed by the following :
 "25 million ECUS for 1981".
4. In Article 8(1) :
 - the first indent shall be completed by the following :
 "- before 1 October 1981 in respect of projects relating to 1981".
 - the second indent shall be completed by the following :
 "and by 31 March 1982 regarding projects submitted before 1 October 1981".
5. In Article 12 (2) "41" shall be replaced by "45".

Article 2

Applications for aid submitted after 4 July 1980 under Regulation (EEC) n°1713/80 which could not, owing to lack of available appropriations, receive aid from the Fund, may be taken into consideration under this Regulation and the conditions laid down herein.

Article 3

This Regulation shall enter into force on the third day following its publication in the Official Journal of the European Communities.

This Regulation shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in all Member States.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

DATE: 18.2.1981

1. BUDGET LINE CONCERNED : 860

2. ACTION : Proposal for Council Regulation (EEC) amending Regulation (EEC) n° 1852/78 on an interim common measure for restructuring the inshore fishing industry .

3. LEGAL BASIS : Article 43 of the Treaty and Article 6 (1) of Council Regulation (EEC) n° 729/70, 28.4.1970.

4. OBJECTIVES : To allow investment projects to be carried out during 1981 which are intended to develop inshore fishing fleets and aquaculture.

5. FINANCIAL CONSEQUENCE	FOR THE MARKETING YEAR	CURRENT FINANCIAL YEAR (81)	FOLLOWING FINANCIAL YEAR ()
5.0 EXPENDITURE			
-CHARGED TO THE EC BUDGET (REFUNDS/INTERVENTIONS)	C.E.	25 Million ECUS	P.M.
-CHARGED TO NATIONAL ADMINISTR.	C.P.	p.m.	C.P. : 10 Mio ECUS
-CHARGED TO OTHER NATIONAL GROUPS			
5.1 RECEIPTS			
-CAN RESOURCES OF THE EC (LEVIES/CUSTOMS DUTIES)			
-NATIONAL			

	YEAR ..1981.....	YEAR ...1982.....	YEAR ...1983.....
5.0.1 PLURIANNUAL PATTERN OF EXPENDITURE	C.E.: 25;0	C.E.: p.m.	C.E.: p.m.
5.1.1 PLURIANNUAL PATTERN OF RECEIPTS	C.P.: p.m.	C.P.: 10,0	C.P.: 12,5

5.2 METHOD OF CALCULATION In view of the large number of projects submitted under Regulation (EEC) n° 1713/80, of which some will not be able to be financed in the 1980 budgetary year (378 applications submitted for 1980, in addition to the 150 applications carried over from the previous year), and of the likely number of applications to be made in 1981, it seems appropriate to provide for an appropriation of 25 million ECUS.

Having regard to the experience of previous years, it is foreseen that payments will be spread over three years, starting in 1982, with liquidation of the sum committed with respect to 1981 as follows : 40% in the first year, 50% in the second , and 10% in the third.

6.0 FINANCING POSSIBLE WITH CREDITS INSCRIBED IN RELEVANT CHAPTER OF CURRENT BUDGET ?	YES/NO
6.1 FINANCING POSSIBLE BY TRANSFER BETWEEN CHAPTERS OF CURRENT BUDGET ?	YES/NO/NA
6.2 NECESSITY FOR A SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ?	NO/NO
6.3 CREDITS TO BE WRITTEN INTO FUTURE BUDGETS ?	NO/NO

COMMENTS : The amount provided for in this measure will be met as follows :
 25 million ECUS : appropriation under Article 860 of the 1981 Budget.
 Likely timetable for payments :

	Payments			
	1981	1982	1983	1984
1981 Appropriation : 25.000.000	p.m.	10.000.000	12.500.000	2.500.000