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Transfer No 29/78

From Chapter 60 - Cereals

Art. 600 - Refunds on cereals

Item 6000 - Refunds 14 000 000

to Chapter 83 - Common measures in particular sectors

Art. 830 - Fisheries sector

Item 8303 - Surveillance of the Community fishing zone

Transfer No 30/78

From Chapter 46 - Expenditure resulting from the application of different exchange rates to the EAGGF Guarantee Section 2 000 000

to Chapter 83 - Common measures in particular sectors

Art. 830 - Fisheries sector

Item 8303 - Surveillance of the Community fishing zone

In accordance with Article 21(4) of the Financial Regulation, this proposal has been approved by the Financial Controller, attesting that the appropriations are available as at 19 September 1978.

GROUNDS

1. Grounds for the proposed transfer of appropriations to Item 8303 (Surveillance of the Community fishing zone)

At its meeting on 24 and 25 July 1978, the Council adopted the Decision on financial participation by the Community in inspection and surveillance operations in the maritime waters of Denmark (Greenland) and Ireland (OJ No 211 of 1 August 1978).

Under this Decision, the Community will reimburse to these Member States up to 56 m EUA (10 m EUA for Denmark and 46 m EUA for Ireland) of this eligible expenditure for the period 1 January 1977 to 31 December 1982.

This expenditure may cover:

- investment in vessels, aircraft and land-based infrastructures and their equipment by 31 December 1982;
- the leasing of these inspection facilities and related equipment and operating costs in the short term and by 31 December 1979 at the latest.

It should be remembered that, at the present stage in the budgetary procedure for 1979, an appropriation for commitment of 40 m EUA, the Commission's original estimate of the cost, is entered in Chapter 100 of the Draft Budget for 1979 for subsequent transfer to Article 871 (Financial participation in inspection and surveillance operations in the maritime waters of Denmark and Ireland).

In the meantime the Council has decided to increase the amount proposed by the Commission; it is now therefore necessary to make available an additional appropriation of 16 m EUA (= 56 m EUA less 40 m EUA).

As the period during which this measure is to be carried out began on 1 January 1977, the two Member States have already incurred considerable expenditure which should be reimbursed as soon as possible - in other words, in 1978. This expenditure is as follows:

- Denmark - some 5 m EUA for the purchase of helicopters and reconnaissance aircraft, the conversion of inspection vessels, and the necessary navigation and communications equipment;
- Ireland - some 11 m EUA for the purchase of inspection vessels and the leasing of two aircraft and a vessel, together with the necessary equipment and operating costs.

¹In the Preliminary Draft.

The reimbursement of 16 m EUA in 1978 and the use of the appropriation for commitment entered in the 1979 Budget -- 40 m EUA -- will mean that all the foreseen expenditure for this measure can be covered.

A Budget heading for this expenditure is already available in the 1978 Budget, as Item 8303 (Surveillance of the Community fishing zone) was introduced for this purpose. As this Item has been assigned only a token entry, it is proposed that an appropriation of 16 m EUA (for both commitment and payment) be transferred to it from the EAGGF Guarantee Section.

2. Reason why 16 m EUA can be drawn from the Guarantee Section

In August 1978, the Commission submitted the report on the implementation of the Budget for the second quarter of 1978, which included an appraisal of the appropriations available for 1978 in the EAGGF Guarantee Section. It emerged that there are ample appropriations to sustain a transfer of 16 m EUA to another part of the Budget.

Among the headings where expenditure is some way behind the appropriations available, the Item for refunds on cereals shows a particularly large amount outstanding. In the 1977/78 marketing year, production of cereals, particularly wheat, was some 2.5 million tonnes lower than the estimate on which the Budget entry was based. The revised assessment of the cereal crop for 1978/79 has only a slight financial impact on the 1978 financial year. It is proposed therefore that a sum of 16 m EUA be drawn from the appropriations for the following headings:

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| - Item 6000 (Refunds on cereals): | 14 m EUA |
| - Article 460 (Expenditure resulting from the application of different exchange rates to the EAGGF Guarantee Section): | 2 m EUA |

The amount drawn from Article 460 is the "dual rate" amount proportionate to the sum transferred out from Item 6000.