

COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN ~~COMMUNITIES~~

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SECTION III - COMMISSION

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(COMPULSORY EXPENDITURE TO NON-COMPULSORY EXPENDITURE)

FROM CHAPTER 78

MONETARY COMPENSATORY AMOUNTS LEVIED OR PAID
IN RESPECT OF TRADE IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS

Article 780

- Monetary compensatory amounts in respect of
intra-Community trade

Item 7801

- Monetary compensatory amounts on imports paid by
exporting Member States on behalf of importing
Member States

TO CHAPTER 95

EXCEPTIONAL MEASURES TO ASSIST DEVELOPING COUNTRIES
AND OTHER NON-MEMBER COUNTRIES

Article 950

- Aid to disaster victims in developing and other
non-member countries

20.000.000 ECU

The Financial Controller approved this disposal in accordance with
Article 21(4) of the Financial Regulation on 12 May 1981 and
certified that the appropriations are available.

GROUNDS

In its communication of 29 April 1981 on emergency aid amounting to 5.000.000 ECU for people suffering hardship as a result of the events in Kampuchea and 15.000.000 ECU for Afghan refugees in Pakistan (COM(81)218 final), the Commission announced its intention of proposing a transfer of 20.000.000 ECU from Chapter 78 (Monetary compensatory amounts) to Article 950 (Aid to disaster victims in developing and other non-member countries). The Commission wishes to make these appropriations available to humanitarian organizations as soon as possible.

As indicated, a transfer of 20.000.000 ECU to Article 950 is required to finance this emergency aid, since only 3.000.000 ECU were entered under this budget heading for 1981. Grants of emergency aid to the people of El Salvador (400.000 ECU) and the Lebanon (300.000 ECU) mean that 2.3 million ECU are now available. This should be kept for granting immediate aid, in the course of the year, to the victims of emergencies on a smaller scale than those experienced by the victims of events in Kampuchea or the Afghan refugees in Pakistan.

20.000.000 ECU can be transferred from the EAGGF Guarantee Section, Chapter 78 (Monetary compensatory amounts) since appropriations are available as a result of the difference between actual MCAs and the Budget estimates for the Italian lira. The Budget estimate for Italy's MCA was - 2%; at the moment the Italian MCA is - 1%; this has produced a saving at Item 7801, as can be seen from the figures for the utilization of appropriations at 31 May 1981.

The Commission accordingly proposes to transfer 20.000.000 ECU from Item 7801 (Monetary compensatory amounts on imports paid by exporting Member States on behalf of importing Member States) to Article 950 (aid to disaster victims in developing and other non-member countries).