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FROM CHAPTER 100 - PROVISIONAL APPROPRIATIONS

TO CHAPTER 92 - FOOD AID

Article 926 - Other expenditure

Item 9261 - Quality control of products supplied
as food aid

200 000 EUA

The Financial Controller endorsed this proposal on 17 September 1980,
certifying that the appropriations are available.

REASONS

1. The recipient countries frequently complain about the quality of the products supplied as food aid.
2. Quality control tests based on the appearance of the product are normally carried out at the loading or purchase stage. Complaints are therefore sometimes received as a result of inspections made when the products reach their destination.
3. The European Parliament and the Court of Auditors have raised this issue on a number of occasions. In any case the Community's dual role as purchaser and as the institution supplying the food aid clearly places it under an obligation to bear both the costs of verification when the goods are purchased and the costs which arise when the goods are tested, whether by the recipients alone or by both sides, upon arrival at their destination. Failure by the Community to take part in the inspections at either end would open the way to abuse.
4. Although the 200 000 EUA entered in Chapter 100 of the 1980 budget is not enough for systematic inspection of each delivery of each product, the appropriations will nevertheless allow effective random checks.
5. The Commission therefore proposes that the budgetary authority transfer the said amount from Chapter 100 to Item 9261.

APPROPRIATIONS IN CHAPTER 100
AT 15 SEPTEMBER 1980

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	Appropriations for commitment	Appropriations for payment
1. Total appropriations	75.093.900	51.693.900
2. Appropriations in process of being transferred	1 509 000	1 509 000
3. Appropriations still entered in Chapter 100	73 584 900	50 184 900

