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PROPOSAL FOR A COUNCIL DECISION

on additional measures in the agricultural sector
following the revaluation of the Deutsche Mark

(submitted by the Commission to the Council)

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EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

1. The Council Decision of 21 January 1974 concerning additional measures in the agricultural sector following the revaluation of the Deutsche Mark provides that before the end of 1974 the Council, on a proposal by the Commission, is to examine the situation of German agriculture and to decide on appropriate measures in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 43(2) of the Treaty.
2. Since the Council Decision of 21 January 1974 sets no term to the authorization of these measures, the Commission has waited for the opportune moment to submit a new proposal to the Council.

Proposal for a
COUNCIL DECISION

on additional measures to be taken in agriculture
following the revaluation of the German Mark

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,
and in particular Articles 42 and 43 thereof;

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission;

Having regard to the Opinion of the European Parliament;

Whereas direct aid by way of value added tax has been granted to German farmers since 1970 by Council Regulation (EEC) No 2464/69¹ of 9 December 1969 and the Council Decision of 21 January 1974 on measures to be taken in agriculture following the revaluation of the German Mark;

Whereas the Council Decision of 21 January 1974 provides that, before the end of 1974, the Council, acting on a proposal from the Commission, is to examine the situation of German agriculture and decide on appropriate measures in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 43(2) of the Treaty;

Whereas, in view of the economic trends in German agriculture since 1969, of the development of the common agricultural policy and of the need to integrate German agriculture into the general economic framework of the common agricultural market, the compensatory payments received by agricultural producers of up to 3% of the selling price are no longer justified;

¹OJ No L 312, 12 December 1969, p. 4,5.

Whereas an adjustment of the representative rate in force in Germany under the common agricultural policy, and in consequence a dismantling of monetary compensatory amounts applied at the German frontier has the same result, namely the integration of German agriculture into the general economic framework;

Whereas a prolongation can be authorized only on condition that the measure is discontinued by degrees;

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The Federal Republic of Germany is authorized to grant until 31 December 1978 aid to agricultural producers in the form of a compensatory payment received by the producer at the time of sale of his products. This aid is limited to the following percentages of the selling price :

- 2.25 % in 1976

- 1.50 % in 1977

- 0.75 % in 1978

the aid shall be paid either by the purchaser or by an agency designated by the competent national authorities.

Article 2

This decision replaces the Council Decision of 21 January 1974 on additional measures to be taken in agriculture following the revaluation of the German Mark.

Article 3

This Decision is addressed to Germany.

Done at Brussels,

For the Council
The President.