

COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

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on the grant of a premium for the birth of
calves during the 1977/78 marketing year.

(submitted to the Council by the Commission)

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Explanatory Memorandum

This draft Regulation aims to continue for a further twelve months the premium scheme on the birth of calves as it was applied during the 1976/1977 marketing year.

In effect the opinions voiced in the Council of the 25/29 March 1977 have enabled the Commission to conclude that was appropriate to present a draft Regulation providing for the continuation of the above mentioned premium system.

From the economic point of view the application of this premium during the 1975/76 and 1976/77 marketing years permitted the reversal of the tendency as regards the cattle herd in Italy : in effect, the herd, which was constantly falling upto 31.12.1974 (8.2 million head as opposed to 10 million on 31.12.1968) has begun to increase since

- on 31.12.1975 : 8.5 million
- on 31.12.1976 : 8.8 million.

A similar upward trend has not been occurred in the cow herd.

The trend reversal on the total cattle herd, though slight, would be at risk if the effort undertaken was not continued or even reinforced; it is for this reason that the Commission is proposing, and to take account of increases in the cost of cattle rearing to increase the amount of the premium from 28 UA to 35 UA per calf. The other provisions for granting the premium would remain unchanged.

I.

Proposal for a
COUNCIL REGULATION (EEC) No /77
of 1977

on the grant of a premium for the birth of calves during the
1977/78 marketing year

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 the intervention price applicable in the beef and veal sector for
the 1977/78 marketing year was fixed at a level below that resulting from
the implementation of Article 6 of Council Regulation (EEC) No 805/68
of 27 June 1968 on the common organization of the market in beef and veal⁽²⁾
as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 425/77⁽³⁾; whereas the Member States
which apply the system of a premium for the birth of calves referred to in
Article 1 of Regulation (EEC) No 620/76⁽⁴⁾, should therefore continue to
grant this premium for a further period of twelve months;

Whereas this premium constitutes an intervention on the internal market
within the meaning of Article 3 of Council Regulation (EEC) No 729/70 of
21 April 1970 on the financing of the common agricultural policy⁽⁵⁾, as
last amended by the Act of Accession⁽⁶⁾,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

- (1) OJ No
(2) OJ No L 148, 28.6.1968, p.24
(3) OJ No L 61, 5.3.1977, p.1
(4) OJ No L 74, 20.3.1976, p.1
(5) OJ No L 94, 28.4.1970, p.13
(6) OJ No L 73, 27.3.1972, p.14

Article 1

1. Member States which apply the system of a premium for the birth of calves referred to in Article 1 of Regulation (EEC) No 620/76 shall continue to grant a premium for every calf born on their territory during a further period of 12 months and still alive six months after its birth.

2. The amount of the new premium referred to in paragraph 1 shall be 35 units of account, payable by the Guarantee Section of the European Agricultural Guidance and Guarantee Fund. It shall be paid in a single instalment.

Article 2

Detailed rules for the application of this Regulation shall be adopted according to the procedure laid down in Article 27 of Regulation (EEC) No 805/68.

Article 3

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

It shall be applicable from the day following that on which the application of the system laid down by Article 1 of Regulation (EEC) No 620/76 ends.

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

Done at Brussels,

For the Council

The President

Proposal for
COUNCIL REGULATION (EEC) No
of
amending Regulation (EEC)
No 1163/76 on the granting of a conversion premium
in the wine sector

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 1163/76 of 17 May 1976 on the granting of a conversion premium in the wine sector (1), as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 530/77 (2), and in particular Article 4(5) thereof,

Whereas Regulation (EEC) No 1163/76 provides that the premiums fixed for the 1976/77 wine year are to be reduced by 100 u.a./hectare for the 1977/78 wine year and by 200 u.a./hectare for the 1978/79 wine year ; whereas these reduced sums may be considered inadequate by producers ; whereas there is in consequence a risk of considerable reduction in the conversion programme, meaning that the aims of that Regulation will not be fully achieved ; whereas it is therefore desirable to retain the premiums at their present level for the 1977/78 and 1978/79 wine years,

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(1) OJ No L 135, 24.5.1976, p. 34

(2) OJ No L 69, 16.3.1977, p. 37

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION :

Article 1

1. Article 4(1) of Regulation (EEC) No 1163/76 is amended as follows :

"1. The amount of the premium shall be fixed :

- a) at 1 500 u.a./hectare for areas under vines of average productivity which are kept in normal conditions and do not yet show any signs of deterioration due to age ;
- b) at 1 000 u.a./hectare for areas under vines of low productivity or areas under vines which are less than two years old ;
- c) at 2 000 u.a./hectare for areas under vines grown as a specialized crop using an upright cultivation method resulting in considerable vegetative growth in a horizontal plane."

2. Paragraph 2 is deleted.

Article 2

Article 8 of Regulation (EEC) No 1163/76 is amended to read as follows :

"The estimated total cost to the European Agricultural Guidance and Guarantee Fund of the common measures shall be 34 million units of account".

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

Done at Brussels,

For the Council
the President

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

Since the common organisation of the market in cereals was established Italy has benefited from a measure to reduce the impact of the common system on the level of feedgrain prices in the country. Because of their structural situation access to Italian ports is difficult and a reduction of the import levy was therefore required in order to ensure uniform import charges. As a programme to import port structures was planned the Council decided in 1973 to make provision for the progressive abolition of the amount by which the levy was reduced; no reduction would be made after the 1977/78 marketing year.

Despite all the efforts made it appears, however, that the port situation is still not entirely satisfactory and that the measure applicable for the 1976/77 marketing year should, therefore, be extended for a further year.



4)

COUNCIL REGULATION (EEC) No /77

of

amending Regulation (EEC) No 2749/75
on the reduction in the levy applicable
to certain imports of feed grain into the
Italian Republic as from the 1973/74 marketing
year.

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 2727/75 of 29 October 1975 on the common organization of the market in cereals, as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No ², and in particular Article 23(1) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Whereas Council Regulation (EEC) No 2749/75 of 29 October 1975 on the reduction in the levy applicable to certain imports of feed grain into the Italian Republic as from the 1973/74 marketing year³ provided for a phased reduction in the levy applicable to feed grain imported by sea into Italy in order to allow the Italian market to adjust to the common system; whereas, however, in spite of the efforts made, the port structures in Italy have not been improved as early as expected; whereas it therefore appears advisable to maintain for a further year the measure which should have been repealed at the end of the 1976/77 marketing year and to postpone the date on which the common system should be applied in full;

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The second sentence in Article 1 of Regulation (EEC) No 2745/75 is amended as follows:

"This amount shall be reduced successively by:

- 1.50 units of account for the 1974/75 marketing year
- 3.00 units of account for the 1975/76, 1976/77 and 1977/78 marketing years.

There shall be no further reduction after the 1978/79 marketing year".

(1) OJ No L 281, 1.11.1975, p. 1

(2)

(3) OJ No L 281, 1.11.1975, p. 88

Article 2

1. This Regulation shall enter into force on the third day following its publication in the Official Journal of the European Communities.
2. It shall apply as from 1 August 1977.

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

Done at Brussels,

For the Council

The President

INCIDENCES FINANCIERES

Les incidences financières des propositions de prix et mesures connexes pour 1977-78 présentées par la Commission au Conseil avaient fait l'objet d'un document COM (77)150 final. A ces propositions initiales s'ajoutent de nouvelles propositions dont l'incidence financière est indiquée ci-dessous.

A. Incidence sur le budget 1977

a) Dépenses spécifiquement agricoles

-L'instauration d'une prime à la naissance des veaux n'entraînera pas de dépenses en 1977 du fait d'une part que le paiement ne peut intervenir avant 6 mois et d'autre part des délais administratifs nécessaires ;

-l'application de la subvention à la consommation de beurre au Royaume Uni entraîne pour 1977 une dépense supplémentaire de 48 Muc (sans double taux).

b) Incidence sur la charge du double taux

La subvention à la consommation de beurre entraîne une incidence de 18 Muc

c) Incidence sur les dépenses de structure.

La proposition de règlement modifiant la prime de reconversion dans le domaine viticole et qui a pour effet de faire augmenter le coût prévisionnel total de 6 Muc n'a pas d'incidence sur l'exercice 1977 du fait que la section orientation procède par remboursement.

d) Incidence sur les ressources propres

- La proposition, stipulant que les pertes globales à l'écoulement de sucre prises en considération pour le calcul des cotisations à la production de sucre sont diminuées des cotisations à la production d'isoglucose, n'a pas pour effet de diminuer les cotisations à la production du sucre à verser en 1977, d'une part en raison des modalités de la perception des cotisations sucre et d'autre part en raison de la conjoncture.

- La proposition de règlement maintenant pour 1977/78 une réduction de prélèvement de 3 UC par tonne de céréales fourragères importées en Italie par voie maritime, se traduit par une diminution des ressources propres, sur le budget 1977 de 6 Muc. (9,9 Muc avec double taux)

B. Incidence en année pleine

a) Dépenses spécifiquement agricoles

- l'application de la prime veaux a une incidence de 95 Muc (sans double taux)
- l'application de l'aide à la consommation au Royaume Uni se traduira par une dépense de 72 Muc (sans double taux)

b) Incidence sur la charge du double taux

L'incidence sur la charge du double taux serait :

- pour la prime veaux de + 62 Muc
- pour la subvention beurre au Royaume - Uni : 26 Muc

c) incidence sur les dépenses de structures

Les dépenses supplémentaires totales à la charge du FEOGA de 6 Muc sont réparties sur 3 exercices 1978, 1979 et 1980 soit en moyenne 2 Muc par exercice, mais seulement 1 Muc en 1978.

d) incidences sur les ressources propres

- La proposition portant que la cotisation à la production d'isoglucose est déduite des pertes globales d'écrêtement du sucre, n'entraîne pas de diminution des cotisations à la production de sucre pour la campagne 1976-77 du fait qu'en raison de la conjoncture, la cotisation demeurera égale au maximum prévu, soit 30 % du prix d'intervention.

La proposition de règlement relative à la réduction de prélèvements sur les céréales fourragères importées en Italie pendant la campagne 1977-78 se traduira par une diminution des prélèvements au cours de cette campagne, de 15 Muc (24,7 Muc avec double taux actuel).