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Proposal for a

COUNCIL REGULATION (EEC)

amending Regulation (EEC) No 2358/71 on the common organization of
the market in seeds and Regulation (EEC) No 950/68 on the Common
Customs Tariff

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for the marketing years 1978/79 and 1979/80 and 1980/81 and 1981/82
respectively, the amounts of aid granted for seeds

(submitted to the Council by the Commission)

RICE FOR SOWING

EXPLANATORY NOTE

1. Rice in the EEC is grown largely in the North of Italy (Vercelli) and to a lesser extent in the South of France (Rhône delta). The area under rice has probably reached its upper limit due to the specific requirements of this culture i.e. easy access to water and the high production cost involved. An increase in the EEC self-sufficiency rate (at present $\pm 80\%$) is therefore largely dependent on an increase in productivity per hectare.
2. The production of certified seeds of rice for sowing is around 40 % of the quantity used for sowing. An increase in the production and use of certified seeds will on the one hand improve the quality of the rice and on the other hand increase productivity and security of production. Therefore it is important to encourage the production of certified seed to secure the demand of quality seeds. The processing and final certification takes place after harvest in the months November, December and January.
3. The production of rice seeds involves supplementary production costs, e.g. cleaning of farm equipment, roguing (varietal purity), purchase of basic seed, etc. To secure a stability in the production and a reasonable income for the farmer, the production of rice seeds should be granted an aid per 100 kg produced seeds.
4. The Commission estimates that an aid on 12,1 ECU/100 kg as from the 1979 harvest would cover the extra cost of production and would orientate the production towards high quality rice.

This aid is proposed, by way of exception from the provisions of Regulation (EEC) No 1347/78, for the first time for the 1979/80 marketing year. It is also proposed to fix the aid at the same level for the 1980/81 and 1981/82, in accordance with the provisions of Article 3 of Regulation (EEC) No 2358/71.

5. Because of the influence of these proposed measures on the Market Organization for rice, the examination of this proposal should be dealt together with the consequent proposed amendment in the Market Organization for rice.

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(EEC) No 950/68 on the Common Customs Tariff

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 Parliament¹,

Whereas a special feature of the market in rice for sowing is the need to
keep the price of this product competitive with world prices; whereas,
therefore, appropriate measures should be taken to stabilize the market and
to ensure a fair income for the producers concerned;

Whereas Council Regulation (EEC) No 2358/71 of 26 October 1971 on the common
organization of the market in seeds², as last amended by Regulation (EEC)
No 234/79³, made provision for the granting of aid for the production of
certain seeds; whereas that Regulation should be extended to rice for
sowing, which has hitherto been governed by Council Regulation (EEC) No
1418/76 of 21 June 1976 on the common organization of the market in rice⁴,
as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 5;

¹ OJ No C

² OJ No L 246, 5.11.1971, p. 1

³ OJ No L 34, 9. 2.1979, p. 2

⁴ OJ No L 166, 25. 6.1976, p. 1

⁵ OJ No L

Whereas provision should also be made for granting aid to encourage the production of basic and certified rice seed; whereas this product should be included in the Annex to Regulation (EEC) No 2358/71;

Whereas Article 3 of Regulation (EEC) No 2358/71 provides that the production aid shall be fixed every two years before 1 August for the marketing year beginning in the following year and for the subsequent marketing year; whereas, however, the aid for the second year may be modified before 1 August for the year preceding its application if the stability of the market in the Community appears to be seriously threatened; whereas it has become apparent from the situation on the market in practice that this date is too early; whereas it is therefore advisable to set the deadline for this modification at a date prior to the start of the marketing year concerned which gives sufficient time for action as regards production;

Whereas, in view of the characteristics of the common organization of the market in seeds, the import levy on rice for sowing should be replaced by a 12 % customs duty;

Whereas a distinction needs to be made between imports of rice for sowing and imports of other types of rice; whereas Council Regulation (EEC) No 950/68 of 28 June 1968 on the Common Customs Tariff⁶, as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 684/79⁷, should therefore be amended,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION :

Article 1

Regulation (EEC) No 2358/71 is amended as follows:

1. Article 1 is amended to read as follows:

⁶ OJ No L 172, 27.7.1968, p. 1
⁷ OJ No L 86, 6.4.1979, p. 13

"Article 1

A common organization of the market in seeds shall be established and shall cover the following products :

CCT heading number	Description of goods
07.05 A	Dried leguminous vegetables for sowing, shelled, whether or not skinned or split, for sowing
10.05 A	Hybrid maize for sowing
10.06 A	Rice for sowing
12.01 A	Oil seeds and oleaginous fruit, whole or broken, for sowing
12.03	Seeds, fruit and spores, of a kind used for sowing "

2. The last sentence of the second sub-paragraph of Article 3(1) is amended to read as follows:

"This modification must be made long enough before the start of the marketing year concerned to allow action as regards production."

3. Article 8 a is amended to read as follows:

"Article 8 a

1. Rice for sowing falling within sub-heading 10.06 A of the Common Customs Tariff shall be subject to the customs duties contained therein.
2. The general rules for the interpretation of the nomenclature of the Common Customs Tariff and the special rules for its application shall apply to the tariff classification for products covered by this Regulation; the tariff nomenclature resulting from application of this Regulation shall be incorporated in the Common Customs Tariff."
3. The Annex is replaced by Annex I to this Regulation.

Article 2

The Common Customs Tariff is hereby amended in accordance with Annex II of this Regulation.

Article 3

This Regulation shall enter into force on

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

Done at

For the Council

CCT heading No	Description of goods
	1. CERES CEREAL
10.06 A	Oryza Sativa L. Rice
	2. OLEAGINEA OILSEEDS
ex 12.01 A	Linum usitatissimum L.partim Fibre flax
	Linum usitatissimum L.partim Seed flax
	Cannabis sativa L.monocica Monoecious hemp
	3. GRAMINEAE GRASSES
ex 12.03 C	Arrhenatherum elatius (L.) J. et C. Presl. Tall oatgrass
	Dactylis glomerata L. Cocksfoot
	Festuca arundinacea Schreb. Tall fescue
	Festuca ovina L. Sheep's fescue
	Festuca pratensis Huds. Meadow fescue
	Festuca rubra L. Red fescue
	Lolium multiflorum Lam. Italian ryegrass (including Westerwolds)
	Lolium perenne L. Perennial ryegrass
	Lolium x hybridum Hausskn. Hybrid ryegrass
	Phleum pratense L. Timothy
	Poa nemoralis L. Wood meadowgrass
	Poa pratensis L. Smooth-stalked meadowgrass
	Poa trivialis L. Rough-stalked meadowgrass
	4. LEGUMINOSAE LEGUMES
ex 07.05 A I	Pisum arvense L. Fodder pea
ex 07.05 A III	Vicia faba L. ssp. faba var. equina Pers. Large field bean
	Vicia faba L. var. minor (Peterm.) bull. Small field bean
ex 12.03 C	Medicago sativa L. Lucerne
	Trifolium pratense L. Red clover
	Trifolium repens L. White clover
	Vicia sativa L. Common vetch

ANNEX II

Heading number	Description	Rate of duty	
		Autonomous % or levy (L)	Conventional %
1	2	3	4
10.06	Rice :		
	A. for sowing (a)	12	-
	B. Paddy rice; husked rice		
	I. Paddy rice :		
	a) Round grain	12 (L)	-
	b) Long grain	12 (L)	-
	II. Husked rice :		
	a) Round grain	12 (L)	-
	b) Long grain	12 (L)	-
	C. Semi-milled or wholly milled rice :		
	I. Semi-milled rice :		
	a) Round grain	16 (L)	-
	b) Long grain	16 (L)	-
	II. Wholly milled rice :		
	a) Round grain	16 (L)	-
	b) Long grain	16 (L)	-
	D. Broken rice	16 (L)	-

(a) Entry under this subheading is subject to conditions to be determined by the competent authorities.

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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 Council Regulation (EEC) No 2358/71 of 26 October 1971
on the common organization of the market in seeds (1), as last amended by
Regulation (EEC) No /79 (2), and in particular Article 3(3) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Having regard to the opinion of the European Parliament (3),

Whereas Council Regulation (EEC) No /79 of (2) widens the
scope of Council Regulation (EEC) No 2358/71 to cover rice for sowing
falling within subheading 12.01 A of the Common Customs Tariff;

Whereas the present situation and probable future trend on the Community
market for rice for sowing to be marketed during the 1979/80, 1980/81 and
1981/82 marketing years do not ensure fair returns for the producer; where-
as part of the production costs should be offset by aid;

Whereas Article 3(2) of Regulation (EEC) No 2358/71 provides that, when the
aid is being fixed, account must be taken, on the one hand, of the need

(1) OJ No L 246, 5.11.1971, p. 1

(2) OJ No L

(3) OJ No C

to ensure a balance between the volume of production required in the Community and of the possible outlets for that production, and on the other hand of the price of the products concerned on the external markets;

Whereas Council Regulation (EEC) No /79 was adopted after the final dates for fixing the amount of the aid for the marketing years in question in accordance with the second subparagraph of Article 3(1) of Regulation (EEC) No 2358/71; whereas a derogation from that provision should be provided for in order to allow producers to qualify for aid for the said marketing years;

Whereas the opportunity should be taken to express in ECU the amounts of aid fixed in UA in the Annex to Regulation (EEC) No 1347/78; whereas these new amounts are to be determined by applying the coefficient referred to in Article 1 of Council Regulation (EEC) No 652/79 of 29 March 1979 on the impact of the European Monetary System on the common agricultural policy (4), as amended by Regulation (EEC) No 1264/79 (5)

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION :

Article 1

The Annex to Regulation (EEC) No 1347/78 is hereby replaced by Annex I to this Regulation.

Article 2

The Annex to Regulation (EEC) No /79 is hereby replaced by Annex II to this Regulation.

Article 3

Article 1 of this Regulation shall apply with effect from 1 July 1979.

(4) OJ No L 84, 4.4.1979, p. 1

(5) OJ No L 161, 29.6.1979, p. 1

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

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For the Council

ANNEX I

Marketing years 1978/79 and 1979/80

(ECU/100 kg)

CCT heading No	Description	Amount of aid
10.06 A	1. CERES Oryza sativa L.	12.1
ex 12.01 A	2. OLEAGINEAE Linum usitatissimum L. partim (textile flax) Linum usitatissimum L. partim (Linseed) Cannabis sativa L. (monocica)	17.5 13.9 12.7
ex 12.03 C	3. GRAMINEAE Arrhenatherum elatius (L.) J. and C. Presl. Dactylis glomerata L. Festuca arundinacea Schreb. Festuca ovina L. Festuca pratensis Huds. Festuca rubra L. Lolium multilforum Lam. Lolium perenne L. - of high persistence, late or medium late - new varieties and others - of low persistence, medium late, medium early or early Lolium x hybridum Hausskn. Phleum pratense L. Poa nemoralis L. Poa pratensis L. Poa trivialis L.	39.9 33.9 35.1 25.4 26.6 23.0 13.3 21.8 16.9 12.1 13.3 45.9 24.2 24.2 24.2
ex 07.05 A I	4. LEGUMINOSAE Pisum arvense L.	4.8
ex 07.05 A III	Vicia faba L. ssp. faba var. equina Pers. Vicia faba L. var. minor (Peterm.) bull.	6.0 6.0
ex 12,03 C	Medicago sativa L. (ecotypes) Medicago sativa L. (varieties) Trifolium pratense L. Trifolium repens L. Trifolium repens L. var. giganteum Vicia sativa L.	12.1 21.8 31.4 33.9 33.9 19.3

ANNEX II

Marketing years 1980/81 and 1981/82

(ECU/100 kg)

CCT heading No	Description	Amount of aid
10.06 A	1. CERES Oryza sativa L.	12.1
ex 12.01 A	2. OLEAGINEAE Linum usitatissimum L. partim (textile flax) Linum usitatissimum L. partim (Linseed) Cannabis sativa L. (monoica)	17.8 14.1 12.9
ex 12.03 C	3. GRAMINEAE Arrhenatherum elatius (L.) J. and C. Presl. Dactylis glomerata L. Festuca arundinacea Schreb. Festuca ovina L. Festuca pratensis Huds. Festuca rubra L. Lolium multiflorum Lam. Lolium perenne L. - of high persistence, late or medium late - new varieties and others - of low persistence, medium late, medium early or early Lolium x hybridum Hausskn. Phleum pratense L. Poa nemoralis L. Poa pratensis L. Poa trivialis L.	40.5 34.4 35.6 25.8 27.0 23.3 13.5 22.1 17.2 12.3 13.5 50.3 24.5 24.5 24.5
ex 07.05 A I	4. LEGUMINOSAE Pisum arvense L.	4.9
ex 07.05 A III	Vicia faba L. ssp. faba var. equina Pers. Vicia faba L. var. minor (Peterm.) bull.	6.1 6.1
ex 12.03 C	Medicago sativa L. (ecotypes) Medicago sativa L. (varieties) Trifolium pratense L. Trifolium repens L. Trifolium repens L. var. giganteum Vicia sativa L.	12.3 22.1 31.9 36.8 36.8 19.6

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Date : 12.7.1979

1. BUDGET HEADING : 731

APPROBIATIONS : 27.2 m EUA

2. TITLE : Draft Council Regulation amending Regulations 2358/71 and 1347/78
(seeds sector)

3. LEGAL BASIS : Article 43

4. AIMS OF PROJECT :

Fixing the production aid for rice seed.

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

5.0 EXPENDITURE

- CHARGED TO THE EC BUDGET
(~~EXPENDITURE~~/INTERVENTIONS)
- NATIONAL ADMINISTRATION
- OTHER

5.1 RECEIPTS

- OWN RESOURCES OF THE EC
(LEVIES/CUSTOMS DUTIES)
- NATIONAL

PERIOD OF 12 MONTHS	CURRENT FINANCIAL YEAR (79)	FOLLOWING FINANCIAL YEAR (80)
1.9 m EUA	1.2 m EUA	1.9 m EUA

5.0.1 ESTIMATED EXPENDITURE
5.1.1 ESTIMATED RECEIPTS

1980	1981		
1.9 m EUA	1.9 m EUA		

5.2 METHOD OF CALCULATION

$$17\ 000\ t\ aided\ 121\ ECU/t = 2.06\ m\ ECU$$

$$= 1.9\ m\ EUA$$

For the 1979 financial year, 2/3 of the sum for a marketing year.

6.0 CAN THE PROJECT BE FINANCED FROM APPROBIATIONS ENTERED IN THE RELEVANT CHAPTER OF THE CURRENT BUDGET ?

YES/NO

~~6.1 CAN THE PROJECT BE FINANCED BY TRANSFER BETWEEN CHAPTERS OF THE CURRENT BUDGET ?~~

YES/NO

~~6.2 IS A SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET BE NECESSARY ?~~

YES/NO

6.3 WILL FUTURE BUDGET APPROBIATIONS BE NECESSARY ?

YES/NO

OBSERVATIONS :