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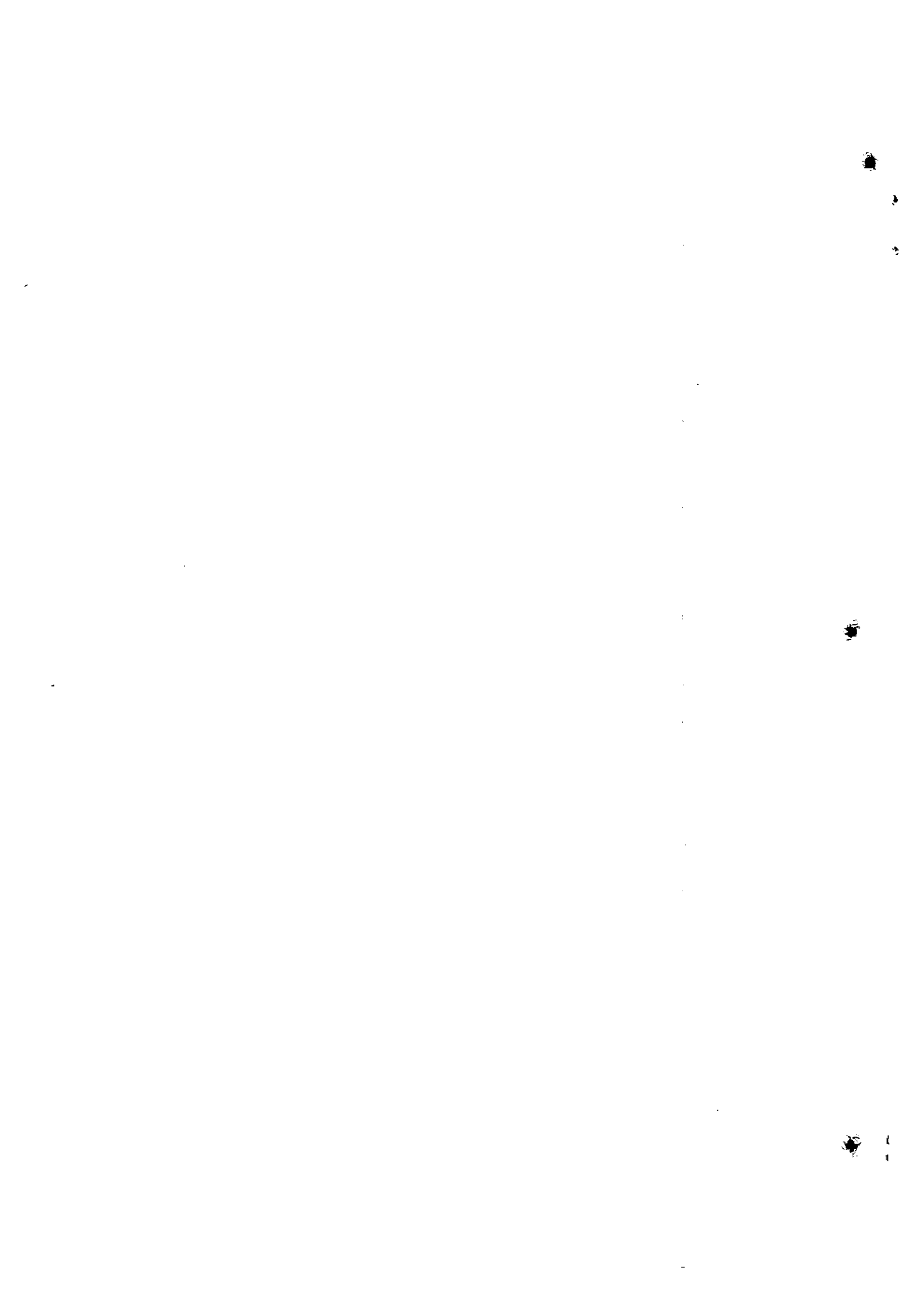
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Brussels, 19 June 1981

Proposal for a
COUNCIL REGULATION (EEC)
amending Regulation (EEC) No 1360/78 on producer groups and
associations thereof following the accession of Greece to the
European Communities

(presented by the Commission to the Council)

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EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

The supply of agricultural products in Greece is characterised by very severe structural problems because of the existence in that country of a very large number of small and inefficiently organised producers. No more than 6 % of the value of Greek agricultural production is marketed in an organised fashion. Accordingly, profit margins accruing to the vast majority of farmers are capable of substantial improvement through better organisation of supply. The application in Greece of Regulation (EEC) No 1360/78 on producer groups and associations thereof would be of significant benefit in remedying such structural deficiencies as exist in the supply area, and which, apart from certain exceptions apply to the whole of the country.

In accordance with Article 22 of the Act of Accession, therefore, it is necessary to amend Regulation (EEC) no 1360/78 in order to permit its effective application in Greece.

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 Act of Accession of Greece, and in particular Article 22 thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Having regard to the opinion of the European Parliament ¹⁾,

Whereas Article 3 of Council Regulation (EEC) No 1360/78 (2) fixes the agricultural products to which that Regulation applies, and it is necessary to define its area of application in Greece,

Whereas in Greece the supply of agricultural products is characterised by very severe structural problems; whereas in effect, this supply is placed on the market by a very large number of small and insufficiently organised farms; whereas, in particular, according to the information available, only some 16% of Greek farms are members of organisations which are concerned with the marketing of agricultural produce and only about 6 % of the value of agricultural production of the country is marketed by such organisations; whereas, apart from certain exceptions, these structural deficiencies of supply relate to Greek agriculture as a whole; whereas these exceptions, because of their limited nature, do not present the situation in Greece from being taken into consideration as a whole,

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(2) OJ No L 166, 23.6.1978, p. 1

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Council Regulation (EEC) No 1360/78 is hereby amended as follows:

1. In the first line of Article 3(1), the words "and Greece" shall be inserted after "Italy";
2. In the third line of Article 3(1), "in Italy" shall be replaced by "in these countries";
3. In Article 13(3), "24 million units of account" shall be replaced by "29.65 mio ECU";
4. The following sentence shall be added to Article 13(3):
"This amount is purely indicative."

Article 2

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

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

Done at Brussels,

For the Council

The President

ANNEX

Year	Number of groups	Value of production Mill. DRA	Level of aide %	Cost of Aid		EAGGF reimbursement at 25 % Mio ECU
				Mill. DRA	Mio ECU	
1981	43	1.280	3 %	38,4	0,62	-
1982	43	1.280	2 %	25,6	0,42	0,16
	15	420	3 %	12,6	<u>0,21</u> 0,63	
1983	43	1.280	1 %	12,8	0,21	0,16
	15	420	2 %	8,4	0,14	
	15	420	3 %	12,6	<u>0,21</u> 0,56	
1984	15	420	1 %	4,2	0,07	0,14
	15	420	2 %	8,4	0,14	
	15	420	3 %	12,6	<u>0,21</u> 0,42	
1985	15	420	1 %	4,2	0,07	0,11
	15	420	2 %	8,4	<u>0,14</u> 0,21	
1986	15	420	1 %	4,2	0,07	0,05
1987	-	-	-	-	-	0,02
TOTAL COST						0,64

