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Proposal for a  
COUNCIL REGULATION (EEC)

fixing the amounts of aid granted for seeds for the 1984/85 and  
1985/86 marketing years

(submitted to the Council by the Commission)

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ORDER SECTION



EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

1. In contrast to production of other agricultural products production of seeds is for most species characterized by a multi-annual cycle. It is for this reason that in accordance with the provisions of Regulation (EEC) No 2358/71 of 26 October 1971 on the common organization of the market in seeds a production aid for basic and certified seeds is fixed every two years before 1 August for the marketing year beginning the following year and the marketing year following that. Aid is granted if the situation on the Community market in seeds and its foreseeable development is such that a fair income cannot be ensured to producers. In view of the existence of this arrangement the proposal fixing aid for the 1984/85 and 1985/86 marketing years was not included in the proposals contained in the "prices package" covering the 1983/84 marketing year only.
2. The 1982 harvest is estimated to be between 2 500 000 quintals, i.e. a level near to that of the previous harvest of 2 800 000 quintals. Production of grasses is assessed at 1 000 000 quintals and that of legumes at approximately 1 500 000 quintals.
3. The Community covers its own requirements for most species grown, demand being estimated at approximately 1 700 000 quintals. But although there is a surplus for certain legumes there is a shortfall for other species (*Trifolium repens*, *Vicia sativa*, *Phleum pratense*, etc.), 250 000 quintals of which are imported into the Community.
4. Prices on the Community market are high at the moment since supplies from New Zealand have been reduced owing to a poor harvest there.
5. For the 1984/85 and 1985/86 marketing years it is proposed to make a general increase of 10% in the aid to take account of increased production costs.  
Exceptions are proposed however for a number of species, for which the aid will be withdrawn, frozen or increased by more than 10%. It is proposed to withdraw aid for *Pisum sativum* and *Vicia faba* in view of the increase in production of these two species and the support they are given under Council Regulation (EEC) No 1431/82 laying down special measures for peas and field beans. A freeze on the aid for the species *Dactylis glomerata* and *Phleum pratense* is proposed in view of the high level of aid already granted for them.

Increases of 15% are proposed for *Trifolium repens*, *Trifolium repens* *gigantum* and *Medicago sativa* (ecotypes). Yields per hectare of the first two species are very low owing to harvesting problems. For the ecotypes of *Medicago sativa* it is necessary to bring the level of the aid closer to that for the varieties of the species as the difference between the two aids is too large at the moment.

Lastly for the new species inserted in the Annex of Regulation (EEC) No 2358/71 for the 1983/84 marketing year it is proposed to keep the aid for the next two marketing years at the level fixed at the moment as it is too early to assess how the situation will develop.

6. Despite the abovementioned increases the cost to the budget of the sector will drop by approximately 8 billion ECU because of the withdrawal of *Vicia Faba* and *Pisum sativum* from the list of species for which aid is given.

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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 (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),

Having regard to the opinion of the Economic and Social Committee (4),

Whereas the present situation on the Community market for seeds listed in the Annex to Regulation (EEC) No 2358/71 and which will be marketed during the 1984/85 and 1985/86 marketing years and its foreseeable development do not ensure a fair income for producers; whereas part of the production costs should therefore be offset by aid;

Whereas Article 3(2) of Regulation (EEC) No 2358/71 provides that the aid shall be fixed taking into account, on the one hand, the need to ensure a balance between the volume of production required in the Community and the possible outlets for that production and, on the other hand, the prices of the products on external markets;

Whereas, on the basis of the criteria set out in Article 68 of the 1979 Act of Accession, the amounts of aid applicable in Greece in respect of the 1984/85 and 1985/86 marketing years should be fixed at the levels set out in the Annex,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION :

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

(3) OJ No C  
(4) OJ No C

Article 1

For the 1984/85 and 1985/86 marketing years the amounts of the aid granted for seeds referred to in Article 3 of Regulation (EEC) No 2358/71 shall be as set out in the Annex.

Article 2

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

It shall apply from 1 July 1984.

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

Done at

For the Council  
The President

ANNEX

1984/1985 and 1985/1986 marketing years

(ECU per 100 kg)

: CCT Heading : No	: Description	: Amount of aid		
		: Community : of Nine	: Greece : 1984/1985	: 1985/1986
	: 1. CERES			
: 10.01 A	: Triticum spelta L.	: 11	: 11	: 11
: 10.06 A	: Oryza sativa L.	: 14,6	: 11,2	: 14,6
	: 2. OLEAGINEAE			
: ex 12.01 A	: Linum usitatissimum L. (textile flax)	: 21,6	: 16,6	: 21,6
	: Linum usitatissimum L. (linseed)	: 17,1	: 13,2	: 17,1
	: Cannabis sativa L. (monoica)	: 15,6	: 12,0	: 15,6
	: 3. GRAMINEAE			
: ex 12.03 C	: Agrostis canina L.	: 60,8	: 60,8	: 60,8
	: Agrostis gigantea Roth.	: 60,8	: 60,8	: 60,8
	: Agrostis stolonifera L.	: 60,8	: 60,8	: 60,8
	: Agrostis tenuis Sibth.	: 60,8	: 60,8	: 60,8
	: Arrhenatherum elatius (L.) Beauv. ex. J. et C. Presl.	: 51,3	: 39,3	: 51,3
	: Dactylis glomerata L.	: 37,8	: 30	: 37,8
	: Festuca arundinacea Schreb.	: 45	: 34,5	: 45
	: Festuca ovina L.	: 32,7	: 25	: 32,7
	: Festuca pratensis Huds.	: 32,7	: 25,1	: 32,7
	: Festuca rubra L.	: 28,2	: 21,7	: 28,2
	: Lolium multiflorum Lam.	: 16,1	: 12,3	: 16,1
	: Lolium perenne L.			
	: - of high persistence, late or medium late	: 26,7	: 20,5	: 26,7
	: - new varieties and others	: 20,8	: 16	: 20,8
	: - of low persistence, medium late, medium early or early	: 14,6	: 11,2	: 14,6
	: Lolium x hybridum Hauskn.	: 16,1	: 12,4	: 16,1
	: Phleum Bertolonii (PC)	: 40,9	: 40,9	: 40,9
	: Phleum pratense L.	: 60,8	: 48,3	: 60,8
	: Poa nemoralis L.	: 29,7	: 22,8	: 29,7
	: Poa pratensis L.	: 29,7	: 22,8	: 29,7
	: Poa trivialis L.	: 29,7	: 22,8	: 29,7

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		:Community :of Nine	: Greece	: 1984/1985: 1985/1986:
	: 4. <u>LEGUMINOSAE</u>			
: ex 12.03 C	: Medicago lupulina L.	: 24,3	: 24,3	: 24,3
	: Medicago sativa L.	: 15,5	: 11,8	: 15,5
	: (ecotypes)			
	: Medicago sativa L.	: 26,7	: 20,6	: 26,7
	: (varieties)			
	: Trifolium alexandrinum L.	: 35	: 35	: 35
	: Trifolium hybridum L.	: 35,1	: 35,1	: 35,1
	: Trifolium incarnatum L.	: 35	: 35	: 35
	: Trifolium pratense L.	: 38,6	: 29,7	: 38,6
	: Trifolium repens L.	: 54,1	: 40,9	: 54,1
	: Trifolium repens L. var.	: 54,1	: 40,9	: 54,1
	: giganteum			
	: Trifolium resupinatum L.	: 35	: 35	: 35
	: Vicia sativa L.	: 23,8	: 20,1	: 23,8
	: 5. <u>CRUCIFERACEAE</u>			
: ex 12.03 D	: Brassica napus L. var.			
	: napobrassica (L) Peterm.	: 18	: 18	: 18
	: Brassica oleracea L.			
	: convar. acephala (DC)	: 18	: 18	: 18
	: Raphanus sativus L. spp.			
	: oleifera (DC) Metzg.	: 18	: 18	: 18



# FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Date : 15.12.82

1. BUDGET HEADING : B-1800

APPROBIATIONS : 45 mio ECU  
1983

2. TITLE : Draft Council Regulation fixing the amounts of aid granted for seeds for the 1984/1985 and 1985/1986 marketing years

3. LEGAL BASIS : Article 3 of Council Regulation 2538/71

4. AIMS OF PROJECT : To fix the aid for seeds to be granted for the 1984/85 and 1985/86 marketing years

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS		CURRENT FINANCIAL YEAR ( 83 )	FOLLOWING FINANCIAL YEAR ( 84 )
5.0 EXPENDITURE			
- CHARGED TO THE EC BUDGET (REFUNDG/INTERVENTIONS)	- 6.5 mio ECU	-	- 2.6 mio ECU
- NATIONAL ADMINISTRATION			
- OTHER			
5.1 RECEIPTS			
- OWN RESOURCES OF THE EC (LEVIES/CUSTOMS DUTIES)			
- NATIONAL			

	1985	1986		
5.0.1 ESTIMATED EXPENDITURE	-6.5 mio ECU	-6.5 mio ECU		
5.1.1 ESTIMATED RECEIPTS				

5.2 METHOD OF CALCULATION

Proposed increase of 10% on average = + 3.7 mio ECU  
 withdrawal of aid for Cicia faba and Pisum sativum = - 10.2 mio ECU  


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 = - 6.5 mio ECU

~~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 ?~~  
 approbiations to be adjusted in future budgets from 1984 YES/NO

OBSERVATIONS :

