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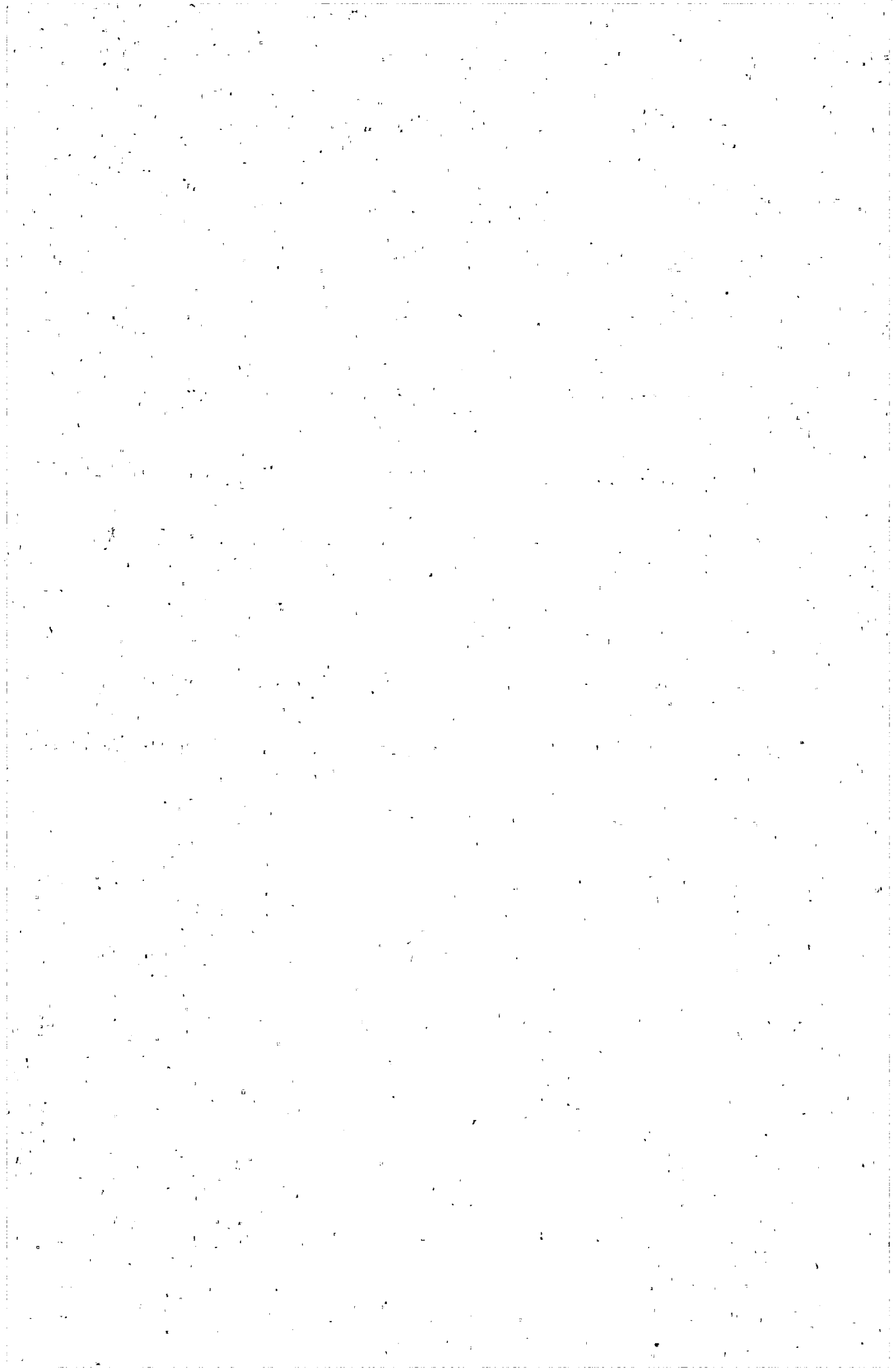
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Proposal for a
COUNCIL DIRECTIVE

supplementing Directive 72/280/EEC of
31 July 1972 on the statistical surveys to be made
by Member States on milk and milk products

(submitted to the Council by the Commission)

COM(78) 12 final.



Explanatory memorandum

Council Directive 72/280/EEC has already brought about spectacular progress towards the harmonization of milk and milk product statistics within the European Community since 1973.

However, after five years of applying the basic Directive, the Commission considers that the Member States can supplement the rapidly available information on milk production by forwarding weekly data on the collection of milk. Such a survey was provisionally ruled out in 1971-1972, when the basic directive was drafted, in view of the extent of the statistical surveys which needed to be introduced by the Member States at that time.

In addition, the recent guidelines laid down by the Council on a proposal from the Commission concerning certain market support measures and affecting, among other things, the absorption of skimmed milk and whey, call for a better statistical knowledge of the protein content of milk and the use of whey.

Consequently, the Commission requests the Council to supplement Directive 72/280/EEC with a weekly survey on the collection of milk and the monthly transmission by the Member States of data on the protein content of milk and the use of whey. Since the weekly survey on the collection of milk constitutes a new operation, provision should be made for a flat-rate contribution by the Commission towards the survey costs incurred by the Member States during the first three years of application 1979-1980-1981.

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Proposal for a
Council Directive
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supplementing Directive 72/280/EEC

on the statistical surveys to be made by Member States on milk and
milk products (78/ /EEC)

The Council of the European Communities,
Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,
and in particular Articles 43 and 209 thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Having regard to the Opinion of the European Parliament,

Whereas, in order for the Commission to have current data rapidly available,
weekly information on the delivery of milk to undertakings or establishments
which treat or process milk should be supplied in addition to the monthly
results ;

Whereas the protein content is becoming a determining factor in the price of
milk and whereas the permanent surpluses of milk proteins entail considerable
difficulties in the management by the Commission of the market in milk and
milk products ;

Whereas the Community measures concern whey and derived products and therefore
these products should be added to the comprehensive estimate of the use of
raw materials ;

Whereas the general provisions contained in the basic Directive 72/280/EEC
should apply to the supplementary provisions provided for in this Directive ;

Whereas, for the better harmonization of regional data, it is necessary
to revise the provisions, particularly those Council Directive 73/358/EEC
of 19 November 1973 amending certain Directives following the enlargement
of the Community^{X)} ;

Whereas the procedure involving the Standing Committee for Agricultural
Statistics should be maintained in order to specify any transitional measures
to deal with the difficulties which the Member States might meet in implementing
the supplementary provisions adopted by the Council ;

Whereas the financial contribution of the Community towards the expenses
incurred during the first three years by Member States when conducting surveys
provided for by this Directive should be specified,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DIRECTIVE :

Article 1

1. To the information in Article 4 (1) of Directive 72/280/EEC there is hereby added : "the quantity of the cow's milk collected".

2. To the information in Article 4 (2) (a) there is hereby added : "an estimate of the protein content of the cow's milk collected" ;

3. In Article 4 (3) (a) the territorial divisions listed shall be :

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| - Germany | : Regierungsbezirke |
| - France | : Régions de programme |
| - Italy | : Regioni |
| - Netherlands | : Provincies |
| - Belgium | : Provinces |
| - Luxembourg | : - |
| - United Kingdom | : Standard regions |
| - Ireland | : - |
| - Denmark | : - |

4. In Article 4 (3) (c), the term "fats" shall read "whey".

Article 2

In cases, where serious difficulties arise in implementing this Directive by the date laid down, provisional measures shall be adopted in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 7 of Directive 72/280/EEC.

Article 3

The expenditure necessary to carry out the supplementary surveys under Article 1 (1) of this Directive shall be met for three years by way of provisional estimates to be included in the Budget of the European Communities.

Article 4

This Directive is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels,

For the Council
The President

STATISTICAL OFFICE
OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

Agricultural Statistics

Subject: Plan for financing Community participation in the supplementary survey to be carried out by the Member States on milk and milk products, amounting to 135,000 u.a.

Proposal for a Council Directive (78 /EEC), Article 3

The Community contribution takes into account the following.

1. The weekly statement on milk collected will require a new survey (returns or sampling) covering more undertakings than the weekly survey on butter and skimmed milk powder production carried out pursuant to Council Directive 72/280/EEC.¹
2. To ensure its quality, the information will need to be checked and to receive special processing from the national statistics departments.
3. The maximum number of dairies to be covered per Member State is determined by the results as of 31 December 1976 of the three-yearly survey pursuant to Council Directive 72/280/EEC, Article 4(4).

Basis for the contribution: The Community contribution is set at 30 u.a. per dairy and per year, a flat-rate participation in the cost of the survey and the processing of the information.

Estimated cost and financing plan: 4,500 dairy undertakings or establishments collect milk outside Italy, which is exempt from the obligation to forward information to the Commission.

¹ OJ No L 179, 7 August 1972, p.2.

The Community contribution's total cost and financing plan are as follows:

Country	Number of dairies Establishments			Fixed sum per dairy 30 u.a.	Financing plan	
	(1)	(2)	(3)		u.a.	%
Germany	982	864	850	30	25 500	18.9
France	2 315	1 973	1 900	30	57 000	42.2
Netherlands	227	196	180	30	5 400	4.0
Belgium*	94	79	76	30	2 280	1.7
Luxembourg	5	4	4	30	120	0.1
United Kingdom	819	1 152	1 110	30	33 300	24.6
Ireland	118	110	110	30	3 300	2.4
Denmark*	324	293	270	30	8 100	6.0
EUR-9 ⁴	4 884	4 672	4 500	-	135 000	100.0

¹Situation as of 31 December 1973

*Undertakings

²Situation as of 31 December 1976.

³Situation as of 31 December 1978, estimated by the Commission departments.

⁴Italy excluded.

The number of dairies decreases from year to year as the sector is progressively restructured, which, to some extent, enables the number of undertakings to be determined which are to be covered by the survey, so that the contribution per Member State can be set which is to be included in the budget for 1979, which will be the first year in which the measures provided for in the Council Directive will apply.

The Community contribution will in the end amount to 135,000 u.a., to be charged against the European Communities' budgets for 1979/80 and 1981.

1. Title and subject
Supplementary survey on milk and milk products
Directive 78/ /EEC and Commission Decision of
78/ /EEC.
Reference: 1979-1981 European Communities' statistics programme.
1977 edition: Number: D.2.6.
2. Grounds
Supplementary statistical surveys on milk and milk products.
In order to carry out its duties under the Treaty and under Community provisions on the organisation of the market in milk and milk products, the Commission needs precise information about trends in milk collected weekly so as to have a direct indicator for actual trends in milk production.
3. Usefulness and economic criteria
Usefulness criterion: 1
Economic criterion: A
4. Commission departments unable to carry out study
The information is to be gathered by the relevant statistics departments of the Member States, which have indexes on their dairies and a network of survey agents.
5. Official responsible for the study (name, grade, administrative unit)
EUROSTAT, Mr Thiede, Head of Division D.2, Jean Monnet building, tel. 2989, Luxembourg.
6. Results anticipated
The information on milk collected weekly will permit rapid assessment of actual milk production put on the market, which could lead the Commission departments to modify the measures to support the market.
7. Similar previous studies
Implementation of Council Directive 72/280/EEC and Commission Decisions 72/356 and 76/430/EEC.
8. Scheduled length of operation
The length of the operation will not exceed the period for which the appropriations are available.
9. Estimated cost of study: 135,000 u.a.
 - 9.1 Form of financing: Flat-rate participation by the Commission
(Council Directive 78/ /EEC of
 - 9.2 Breakdown of estimated cost of study: see financing plan, EUROSTAT.
10. Expenditure to be charged against Article 264 in the 1979 budget, "Statistical studies and surveys".
11. Departments associated in preparing the study and making use of the results: DG VI.
12. Name of contractor
Relevant statistics departments of the Member States.