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Proposal for a
COUNCIL REGULATION (EEC)
on the supply of skimmed milk powder as food aid to
the Republic of Zaire for the population of the Lake
Kivu area under Regulation (EEC) No 1348/75

(submitted to the Council by the Commission)

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COMMISSION COMMUNICATION TO THE COUNCIL ON THE
SUPPLY OF SKIMMED MILK POWDER TO THE REPUBLIC OF ZAIRE
AS AID FOR THE VICTIMS OF MALNUTRITION IN THE
LAKE KIVU AREA



1. When the Council's Working Party on Food Aid examined the emergency aid measure for the Angolan refugees in Zaire at the beginning of March, the Commission representative drew the attention of the Member States to the extremely critical and urgent food supply situation in the Lake Kivu area of Zaire and informed them that as a result of this situation a request for food aid was to be submitted by the Zairian Government.

In the light of this information, The Council gave its agreement to an aid measure consisting of the supply of modest quantities to certain sections of the population in the Lake Kivu area, on condition that an official request was made to the Community and provided that the exact quantities involved in this measure did not give rise to any objections when they were notified to the Member States by telex¹.

2. The Commission has now received the official request from the Zairian authorities for aid in the form of an air freight consignment of 6 metric tons of skimmed milk powder.

3. The Commission Delegate and various medical institutions (Fondation Médicale de l'Université de Louvain en Afrique Centrale - FOMULAC, Centre Scientifique de l'Université Libre de Bruxelles en Afrique Centrale - CEMUBAC, Institut de Recherche Scientifique en Afrique Centrale - IRSAC) confirm the existence of a very serious food supply situation in the Lake Kivu area affecting children in particular. The mortality rate among children is increasing, particularly as a result of exhaustion of the local stocks of milk powder.

4. In view of the above situation, the Commission considers that the Community should meet the request of the Zairian Government:

¹This procedure replacing the customary procedure (examination by the ad hoc Working Party and by Coreper).

- (a) by supplying emergency food aid in the form of 6 metric tons of skimmed milk powder to the victims of malnutrition in the Lake Kivu area;
- (b) by delivering this quantity free at airport of destination.

5. The cost of this measure is estimated at 11 028 u.a., but no additional expenditure is involved since it is covered by a programme and appropriations already adopted by the Council. The measure would be counted against the reserve under the 1975 skimmed milk powder programme, which at present has an unused balance of 2 250 metric tons. To finance it approximately 3 228 u.a., corresponding to the cost of the raw material, would be charged to Item 9210 of the 1976 Budget (26.40 million u.a. carried over automatically from 1975) and approximately 7 800 u.a., corresponding to the cost of the air transport, would be charged to Item 9240 of the 1976 Budget (entry of 1 million u.a.).

In conclusion, the Commission proposes that the Council:

- (1) decide to grant food aid to the people of the Lake Kivu area in the form of 6 metric tons of skimmed milk powder to be delivered free at airport of destination, this aid being counted against the reserve under the 1975 skimmed milk powder programme;
- (2) adopt the Regulation annexed hereto.

PROPOSAL FOR

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on the supply of skimmed milk powder as food aid to the Republic of Zaire for the population of the Lake Kivu area under Regulation (EEC) No 1348/75

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 1347/75 of 26 May 1975 laying down general rules for the supply of skimmed milk powder as food aid to certain developing countries and international organizations under the 1975 programme¹, and in particular Articles 3 and 7 thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Whereas Regulation (EEC) No 1347/75 provides for the supply of 43 010 metric tons of skimmed milk powder as food aid to certain developing countries and international organizations;

Whereas Council Regulation (EEC) No 1348/75 of 26 May 1975 on the supply of skimmed milk powder as food aid to certain developing countries and international organizations under the 1975 programme² provides for a reserve of 3 800 metric tons of skimmed milk powder;

¹OJ No L 138, 29.5.1975, p.1.

²OJ No L 138, 29.5.1975, p.3.

Whereas the Government of the Republic of Zaire has submitted a request for food aid because of the extremely serious malnutrition affecting the population of the Lake Kivu area; whereas the needs of these people justify food aid from the Community; whereas, in view of the situation, the transport costs up to the point of destination should be borne by the Community,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Of the 3 800 metric tons of skimmed milk powder set aside as a reserve under Regulation (EEC) No 1348/75, 6 metric tons shall be allocated to the Republic of Zaire for the people of the Lake Kivu area.

Article 2

Community financing shall cover the transport costs up to the point of destination.

Article 3

This Regulation shall enter into force on the third day following 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,

1976

For the Council
The President