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COMMUNITY HELP FOR FRIULI

Proposal for a Council decision on the assimilation of the disaster-stricken communes with the mountain areas to which Council Directive 75/268/EEC on hill farming and certain less-favoured areas applies.

(Submitted by the Commission to the Council)



EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

The earthquake of 6 May 1976 has caused very serious damage in the Friuli region. In addition to the indispensable reconstruction effort, to which the Community is to contribute, the stricken areas' opportunities for adapting their agricultural structures are now seriously limited; unless they receive rapid compensation, the handicap they have suffered is likely to jeopardize further agricultural activity in these areas.

Some of them are already included in the list appearing in Council Directive 75/273/EEC and, as mountain areas within the meaning of Article 3(3), are automatically covered by Directive No 75/268/EEC.

It seems justifiable to assimilate the remainder of the stricken communes with them and therefore to treat the whole of the area struck by the earthquake in the same way with regard to Directive No 75/268/EEC. They should only be assimilated in this way, though, for as long as is thought to be necessary to repair the damage caused by the earthquake.

Finally, in view of the exceptional and temporary nature of this measure, it does not seem appropriate to insert it in Directive No 75/268/EEC, which would mean amending the provisions of the Directive. It is preferable to provide for a separate common measure to this effect which, by analogy, would be subject to the financial and general provisions of Directive No 72/159/EEC inasmuch as they are applicable in this particular case.

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THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community, and in particular to Articles 42 and 43 thereof;

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission;

Having regard to the opinion of the European Parliament;

Whereas a number of communes in the Friuli region have been seriously damaged by an earthquake on 6 May 1976 and whereas they are essentially agricultural communities;

Whereas their agricultural activity will be handicapped as a result for as long as the consequences of the damage caused by the earthquake are felt; whereas this situation is therefore temporarily comparable to that of the less-favoured agricultural areas described in Article 3 of Council Directive No 75/268/EEC of 28 April 1975¹ on hill-farming and certain less-favoured areas, as amended by Council Directive No 76/400/EEC of 6 April 1976²; whereas Council Directive No 75/273/EEC³ lists, for Italy, the mountain areas covered by Article 3(3) of Directive No 75/268/EEC; and whereas this list includes some of the disaster-stricken communes or parts of communes;

Whereas the stricken communes or parts of communes not included in the above-mentioned list should accordingly be assimilated with the mountain areas on this list;

Whereas the application of the measures provided for by Directive No 75/268/EEC to the areas concerned by this Decision constitutes a common measure within the meaning of Article 6 (1) of Regulation (EEC) No 729/70 of 21 April 1970⁴ on the financing of the common agricultural policy; and whereas this common measure is of an exceptional and temporary nature,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

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¹OJ L128, 19 May 1975

²OJ L108, 26 April 1976

³OJ L128, 19 May 1975

⁴OJ L94, 28 April 1970

Article 1

The communes and parts of communes, the list of which is attached to this Decision, shall be assimilated with the mountain areas defined in Article 3(3) of Council Directive No 75/268/EEC on hill-farming and certain less-favoured agricultural areas.

Article 2

1. All the measures provided for by Directive No 75/268/EEC shall apply in the territories described in Article 1 and shall constitute a common measure within the meaning of Article 6(1) of Regulation (EEC) No 729/70.

2. The duration of this common measure shall be four years.

Article 3

By analogy, the financial and general provisions of Directive No 72/159/EEC shall, in view of Article 2, together with the provisions of Articles 14 and 15 of Directive No 75/268/EEC, be applicable to this Decision.

Article 4

This Decision is addressed to the Italian Republic.

Done at

For the Council,
The President

List of the communes and parts of communes situated in the
Friuli-Venezia-Giulia Region assimilated with the less-favoured
areas as defined by Article 3(3) of Directive No 75/268/EEC

Pordenone Province

Spilimbergo

Sequals (for the part not listed in the annex to Directive No 75/273/EEC)

Pinzano al Tagliamento (idem)

Udine Province

Buia

Cassacco

Colloredo di Monte Albano

Fagogna

Majano

Martignacco

Moinacco

Moruzzo

Osoppo

Pagnacco

Ragogna

Reana del Roiale

Remanzacco

Rive d'Arcano

S. Daniele del Friuli

Tricesimo

Artegna

(for the part not listed in the annex to Directive
No 75/273/EEC)

Faedis

(idem)

Gemona del Friuli

(idem)

Magnano Riviera

(idem)

Nimis

(idem)

Pavoletto

(idem)

Tarcento

(idem)

Cividale del Friuli

(idem)