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Proposal for a
Council Decision

amending

Council Decision of 22 July 1975

adopting common research programmes and programmes for the
coordination of research in the fields of animal leucoses,
livestock effluents, beef production and
plant protein production (75/460/EEC)

(submitted to the Council by the Commission)

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Explanatory memorandum

1. The "Applications of nuclear techniques to agricultural research" programme has been in existence since 1959.
Preparation of the 1976-1980 five-year programme began in 1974 ; CPRA was consulted and it recognized the scientific value of this programme and suggested that everything should be done to bring these activities gradually into step with the coordination of agricultural research.
2. The implementation of this programme was largely based on the activity of ITAL (Instituut voor Toepassing van Atoomenergie in de Landbouw) and subcontracts concluded by that Institute.
3. While the programmes connected with the coordination of agricultural research were being prepared, account was taken of the existence of the "Applications" activities and the projects submitted in the framework of the 1976-80 five-year programme. Thus, projects whose aims conformed exactly with the agricultural research programmes but which had traditionally figured among the activities of the "Applications" programme were left in the latter.
4. The Council did not adopt the "Applications" programme. However, at the meeting of 24 February 1976, the Council duly noted the Commission's intention to investigate to what extent the activities mentioned in the proposed "Applications" programme could be inserted in the framework of the coordination of agricultural research.
5. In the absence of this programme
 - the hypothesis under which the common programmes of agricultural research were prepared is no longer apposite. This applies mainly to the "Proteins" and "Livestock effluents" programmes ;

- an important part of ITAL's activities has lost the Community's financial backing ; existing teams therefore face the prospect of disappearing without being given the indispensable time for adjustment so that they can arrange for other activities in continuance of their career.
6. With this in mind, and with the assistance of CPRA, the Commission identified a number of projects which were contained in the proposal for an "Applications" programme but which, in the absence of such a programme, would normally have formed part of one of the Community programmes for the coordination of agricultural research pursuant to the Council Decision of 22 July 1975.
7. In its proposal appended hereto, the Commission draws conclusions from the situation described above, more especially in point 5, and proposes an amendment to the above-mentioned Decision of 22 July 1975.
This amendment consists of the addition :
- to the Proteins programme
 - of projects to be implemented initially within the "Applications" programme in the fields of the symbiotic fixation of nitrogen and the use of mutations ;
 - of certain other projects closely connected with the above fields also provided for by the "Applications" programme in the field of fertilizers ;
 - to the "Livestock Effluents" programme
 - of a project considered to be complementary to the current projects for the building of mathematical models.
8. The period assigned to such extensions of each programme must be the same as the period assigned to the programme itself.
Community financing, however, is limited to a period of two years.
9. The financial involvement of the Community amounts to 0,75 million u.a.

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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 the proposal from the Commission ⁽¹⁾ ;

Having regard to the Opinion of the European Parliament ⁽²⁾ ;

Whereas Council Regulation (EEC) N° 1728/74 of 27 June 1974 on the coordination of agricultural research ⁽³⁾ provides for the coordination at Community level of national agricultural research activities in order to further the attainment of the aims of the common agricultural policy ;

(1)

(2)

(3) OJ N° L 182, 5 July 1974, p. 1

Whereas Article 5 of the above mentioned Regulation provides that the Council shall decide on specific measures for the coordination of research activities designed to allow rational organization of means employed, efficient use of results and the orientation of such work towards the aims of the common agricultural policy and shall also decide on the implementation of joint projects designed to second or supplement work undertaken in the Member States in fields which are of particular importance to the Community ;

Whereas Council Decision (75/460/EEC) of 22 July 1975 ⁽⁴⁾ adopted common research programmes and programmes for the coordination of research in the fields of animal leucoses, livestock effluents, beef production and plant protein production ;

Whereas it is desirable to include in the common research programmes on livestock effluents and plant protein production additional projects which will complete or complement the existing programmes ;

Whereas it is desirable to make use of the experience gained by the Communities in their research programmes on Applications of Nuclear Techniques to Agriculture ; whereas this experience is directly relevant to the common research programmes on livestock effluents and plant protein production ;

Whereas the financial contribution of the Community shall be decided by the Council,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS :

(4) OJ N° L 199,30 July 1975, p. 37

Article 1

Article 5 of Council Decision n° 75/460/EEC of 22 July 1975 is hereby amended as follows :

at Livestock Effluents Common Programme delete "2.140 000 A." and insert "2.200.000 u.a.".

at Plant Protein Production Common Programme delete "2.572.875 u.a." and insert "3.512.875 u.a.".

Article 2

This Decision shall take effect from 1 January 1977.

Done at Brussels

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