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COUNCIL REGULATION (EEC)

relating to the organization of a survey on the
earnings of permanent workers in agriculture

(submitted to the Council by the Commission)

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Explanatory Memorandum

In order to perform certain tasks assigned to it under the Treaty, the Commission needs to know the earnings situation and trends in the Community countries. It therefore requires comparable statistics on these matters.

To this end, a coordinated set of comparable statistics on earnings has been progressively developed by Community surveys conducted with the collaboration of national statistical offices. However, such Community surveys have been made only on industry, transport and services and have only recently been applied to agriculture.

In order to meet the most urgent requirements work was undertaken by the Working Party on Agricultural Wage Statistics, in which government, management and labour are represented, and finally led in 1974 to the implementation of an initial Community study of the earnings of permanent workers in agriculture. This study was carried out pursuant to Council Regulation (EEC) No 677/74 of 21 March 1974¹, and its purpose was to provide the first comparable information on the level and distribution of earnings, the number of paid hours and the existence of absence of advantages in kind, taking account of certain personal data on wage earners such as age, sex and professional qualifications. The results will be published in the course of 1975.

The manner in which this Community survey was to be followed up was still to be determined. On 5 November 1974 the Working Party on Agricultural Wage Statistics agreed in principle to propose that in the first instance the survey should be repeated in 1975 using the same procedure as that adopted in 1974.

In accordance with Article 7 of this draft regulation, the Member States shall receive a global sum to cover their expenses in conducting the survey, to be proportional to the number of holdings covered, and charged against the European Communities budget appropriations allocated for this purpose. On the basis of 10 u.a. per holding covered, the appropriations necessary in 1975 to complete the survey may be estimated at 500 000 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 213 thereof,

Having regard to the draft regulation submitted by the Commission,

Whereas, in order to carry out the tasks assigned to it under the Treaty, in particular those set out in Articles 2, 39, 117, 118, 119 and 122 thereof, the Commission needs to know the earnings situation and trends in the countries of the Community,

Whereas statistical data on the earnings of agricultural workers as do exist within the Member States do not in their present state permit valid comparisons to be made and it is thus necessary to conduct a specific Community survey based on uniform definitions and characteristics as was done in 1974 pursuant to Council Regulation (EEC) No 677/74,

Whereas the technical difficulties involved in a survey of earnings in agriculture make it necessary to restrict the survey at present to the earnings of permanent agricultural workers,

Whereas it is technically possible and more economical to carry out such a survey by sampling,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION :

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Article 2

On the basis of the statistical data relating to September or October 1975, the Commission shall undertake a survey of the actual earnings of permanent workers in agriculture.

Article 2

The survey shall cover all holdings employing permanent workers with duties as specified and defined under class 01 of the General Nomenclature of Economic Activities in the European Communities (NACE) with the exception of holdings whose activities are mainly or exclusively directed to creating and maintaining gardens and parks, to activities ancillary to agriculture, and to hunting.

Article 3

The survey shall be carried out by means of sampling. In respect of given holdings in the survey sample, employers shall supply the information needed, in the manner set out hereafter.

Article 4

The survey shall consist in the collection of the following data from each holding and for each permanent worker covered by the sample: gross cash earnings for the month of September or October 1975, existence or absence of advantages in kind, nature of the work performed, basis on which earnings are calculated, number of paid hours, sex, age and professional qualifications.

Article 5

The information shall be gathered by the statistical offices of the Member States.

The Commission, with the collaboration of these offices, shall determine the technical details of the survey and the arrangements for transmitting the results to the Commission.

Article 6

The personal information supplied for this survey shall be used for statistical purposes only. It may not be used for taxation purposes or communicated to any other persons.

Member States shall take appropriate measures to prevent any infringement of

- a) the obligation to supply the information referred to in Article 3,
- b) the obligation, under the first paragraph of this article, to maintain secrecy as regards the information obtained.

Article 7

To cover their expenses in conducting the survey, the Member States shall receive a global sum proportionate to the number of holdings covered. This sum shall be charged against the European Community budget appropriations allocated for this purpose.

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

Done at

For the Council
The President

Incidence financière
sur le budget communautaire
du projet de règlement relatif à l'organisation
d'une enquête sur les gains des ouvriers permanents dans l'agriculture

Comme il est prévu à l'article 7 du projet de règlement, les Etats membres recevront pour l'exécution de cette enquête une contribution forfaitaire par exploitation interrogée. Ces frais sont imputés sur les crédits prévus à cette fin au budget des Communautés européennes. Compte tenu du nombre d'exploitations qu'il est envisagé d'interroger (± 50.000), le coût de l'enquête peut être estimé, pour les neuf Etats membres, sur la base d'une contribution de 10 unités de compte par exploitation interrogée, à 500.000 unités de compte.

Les dépenses découlant de ce projet de règlement sont à imputer à l'art. 264 du budget. Au stade actuel l'article 264 ne comporte pas de crédits à cette fin. Toutefois, une réserve de crédits de 500.000 unités de compte est encore disponible au chapitre 98 et elle est destinée à être virée vers l'art. 264 ; la proposition de virement correspondant est en voie d'établissement.

