

COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

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COMMUNICATION FROM THE COMMISSION TO THE COUNCIL

concerning emergency aid to refugees from Angola
to Portugal.

Proposal for a Regulation (EEC) of the Council
on the supply of butteroil to the World Food Programme under the 1975 food aid programme for Portuguese refugees from Angola.

Proposal for a Regulation (EEC) of the Council
on the supply of skimmed milk powder to the World Food Programme under the 1975 food aid programme for Portuguese refugees from Angola.

EXPOSE DES MOTIFS

1. In the course of its session of 7-8 October 1975 (1) the Council decided on the principle of helping the returnees Angola to Portugal, by food aid in skimmed milk powder and butteroil and by a cash contribution to buy medicines and other essentials.

In view of certain legal difficulties (2) over the Community's granting such aid directly to the Portuguese government, and since also certain international agencies already specialise in emergency relief, the Commission considers that this aid should be channelled through such an agency, in close liaison with the Portuguese authorities.

2. With this in mind, and in order to decide the size of the needs and the best way to effect the Community's aid, contacts have been made with the Portuguese authorities (the Embassy and also on the spot in the course of a Commission mission), with the United Nations Disaster Relief Office (UNDRO), the Ligue of Red Cross Societies, and the World Food Programme (WFP).

3. As a result of these contacts it appears that some 200 000 returnees from Angola have already arrived in Portugal, and this figure may rise to 300 000 or even more in the very near future; this amounts to a heavy load for the country.

4. WFP expressed interest in handling the Community's aid and presented a relief programme for feeding 150 000 persons for 3 months. This would need

400 t butteroil

550 t skimmed milk powder

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(1) cf Reply by the President of the Council to the declaration of Mr Antunes (doc. I/153/75(ABLEE)(P4).

(2) linked with the definition of a developing country.

Meanwhile the Portuguese Red Cross, in association with the League of Red Cross Societies, has set up a programme of over \$ 3 700 000 for the relief of 100 000 persons (including 60 000 children) covering the supply of clothes, medicines, prefabs, purchase of local supplies, etc.. The League of Red Cross Societies has approached the Community with a view to a contribution towards the programme.

5. In view of the foregoing, the Commission considers that an immediate decision should be taken to grant the following aid to the refugees from Angola in Portugal :

- an initial tranche of food aid consisting of 550 t skimmed milk powder and 400 t butteroil, supplied through WFP and with transport paid by the EEC; these supplies, which can be evaluated at about 910 000 u.a. (1), would be charged to existing ^{reserves} under 1975 food aid programmes (2).

In view of rapid changes in the situation and in requirements, the Commission will very probably be proposing further quantities in the near future.

- financial aid of 150 000 u.a. to the League of Red Cross Societies for the purchase of clothes, medicines, prefabs, local supplies, etc..., to be charged to art. 400 of the 1975 budget (3).

The total emergency aid represents a value of around 1 060 000 u.a.

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- (1) The cost of this operation would not involve any additional expense for the Community beyond that already envisaged for food aid programmes
- (2) Current state of reserves :
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| skimmed milk powder | 3 400 t |
| butteroil | 2 859 t |
- (3) The article currently shows a balance of 240 800 u.a. (opening balance 600 000 u.a., less 259 200 u.a. granted earlier to Vietnam and 100 000 u.a. to Turkey).

6. In conclusion, the Commission recommends the Council to approve the following arrangements for the emergency aid to the returnees from Angola to Portugal, of which the principle was decided 7 October 1975 :

- the grant of food aid of 550 t of skimmed milk powder and 400 t butteroil through the World Food Programme; the amounts to be delivered either CIF or FOB + cash contribution, and charged to reserves under the 1975 food aid programme (1);
- the grant of financial aid of 150 000 u.a. to the League of Red Cross Societies for the purchase of clothes, medicines, prefabs, local purchases etc ..., to be charged to Art. 400 of the 1975 budget.

The Commission therefore recommends the Council to adopt the attached Regulations.

(1) In view of the urgency, mobilisation would be by private contract procedure.

REGULATION (EEC)N° /75 OF THE COUNCIL
OF

on the supply of butteroil to the World Food Programme under the 1975 food aid programme for Portugese refugees from Angola.

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC)N° 1541/75 of 16 June 1975 laying down the general rules for the supply of milkfats under the 1975 food aid programme to certain developing countries and international organizations, and in particular Articles 3 and 8 thereof (1),

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Whereas Regulation (EEC)N° 1541/75 provides for the supply of 43 400 metric tons of butteroil as food aid to certain developing countries and international organizations,

Whereas Council Regulation (EEC)N° 1542/75 of 16 June 1975 on the supply of milkfats under the 1975 food aid programme to certain developing countries and international organizations provides for a reserve of 4 550 metric tons of butteroil(2),

Whereas following the events in Angola, there are a large number of refugees in Portugal who are critically short of food; whereas a contribution must be made to improve this situation by the supply of food aid in the form of 400 metric tons butteroil to be delivered to destination, with the possibility of a cash contribution being granted to WFP for the transport cost beyond that stage and for distribution; whereas WFP is ready to provide for the distribution of this aid;

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(1) OJ, N° L 157, 19.6.1975, p. 4.
(2) OJ. N° L 157. 19.6.1975. n. 6.

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION :

Article 1

400 metric tons of the 4 550 metric tons of butteroil constituting the reserve provided for by Regulation (EEC)N° 1542/75 shall be allocated to the WFP for refugees from Angola in Portugal.

Article 2

Community financing shall extend to the costs of carriage between FOB stage and place of destination, and to distribution expenses. This may be wholly or partly effected in the form of a cash contribution if delivery arrangements agreed with WFP so provide.

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,

For the Council

The President

REGULATION (EEC) N° /75 OF THE COUNCIL
OF

on the supply of skimmed milk powder to the World Food Programme under the 1975 food aid programme for Portuguese refugees from Angola.

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) N° 1347/75 of 26 May 1975 laying down the general rules for the supply of skimmed milk powder as food aid to certain developing countries and international organizations under the 1975 food aid programme, and in particular Articles 3 and 7 thereof (1),

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Whereas Regulation (EEC) N° 1348/75 of 26 May 1975 on the supply of skimmed milk powder as food aid to certain developing countries and international organizations provides for a reserve of 3 800 metric tons of skimmed milk powder (2),

Whereas following the events in Angola, there are a large number of refugees in Portugal who are critically short of food; whereas a contribution must be made to improve this situation by the supply of food aid in the form of 550 metric tons skimmed milk powder to be delivered to destination, with the possibility of a cash contribution being granted to WFP for the transport cost beyond that stage and for distribution; whereas WFP is ready to provide for the distribution of this aid;

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1) OJ, N° L 138, 29.5.1975, p.1.

2) OJ, N° L 138, 29.5.1975, p. 3.

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION :

Article 1

550 metric tons of the 6.000 metric tons of skimmed milk powder constituting the reserve provided for by Regulation (EEC)N° 1348/75 shall be allocated to the World Food Programme for refugees from Angola in Portugal.

Article 2

Community financing shall extend to the costs of carriage between FOB stage and place of destination, and to distribution expenses. This may be wholly or partly effected in the form of a cash contribution if delivery arrangements agreed with WFP so provide.

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