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From Chapter 56 - European Regional Development Fund - specific
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Article 560 - Specific Community measures

Item 5600 - Specific Community measures

Appropriations for commitment still available - 45 000 000 EUA

Appropriations for payment carried over - 16 000 000 EUA

To Chapter 55 - European Regional Development Fund - Community
action in support of national regional policies

Article 550 - Community action in support of national regional
policies

Appropriations for commitment + 45 000 000 EUA

Appropriations for payment + 16 000 000 EU A

The Financial Controller approved this proposal in accordance with Article 21(4) of the Financial Regulation on 8 October 1980 and certified that the appropriations are available.

GROUNDS

Chapter 56 of the Budget covers the specific Community regional development measures financed by the 5% of the Regional Development Fund allocated to the non-quota section. Since 1978 the appropriations earmarked for these measures have been entered in the annual budgets, as laid down by Article 2 of the Regulation establishing a European Regional Development Fund*. Appropriations for commitment amounting to 29 050 000 EUA were entered in 1978, followed by 45 m EUA in 1979 and 58 250 000 EUA in 1980.

The appropriations for commitment are valid for two years. Accordingly, in order to save the 29 050 000 EUA which had been set aside for measures in the non-quota section in 1978 from cancellation due to non-implementation at the end of 1979, the appropriations were used for measures in the quota section in 1979 on the understanding that a compensatory payment of 29 050 000 EUA would be made as soon as there appeared to be reasonable prospects of the appropriations being committed from the non-quota section.

In the meantime these prospects have taken a clearer shape; the Regulations on the initial measures to be taken in the non-quota section, as put forward by the Commission on 15 October 1979, are due to be formally adopted by the Council in October.

However, the timetable set for the implementation of these measures will not allow the Commission to commit the appropriations entered in Chapter 56 between now and the end of 1980. Consequently, the Commission once again proposes to transfer the appropriations entered in Chapter 56 to Chapter 55 so that they can be used for quota section measures covered by that chapter. Appropriations for commitment amounting to 45 m EUA and appropriations for payment totalling 16 m EUA are to be transferred.

The budgetary authority is requested to authorize the proposed transfer and accept, in principle, the subsequent transfer of appropriations for commitment amounting to 45 m EUA from Chapter 55 to Chapter 56, in addition to the 29 050 000 EUA already approved, as soon as those appropriations can be put to good use.

The basic aim of these measures is to ensure maximum flexibility in the utilization of the Fund's resources for the 1978-80 period, as agreed in January 1979 following the series of conciliation meetings on regional policy.

* Council Regulation (EEC) No 724/75 of 18 March 1975, as amended by Regulation (EEC) No 214/79 of 6 February 1979 (OJ No L 35, 9.2.1979). The full revised text is in OJ No C 36 of 9 February 1979.