

## COMMISSION DECISION

of 21 April 1976

on the implementation of the reform of agricultural structures in the United Kingdom  
pursuant to Title II of Directive 75/268/EEC of 28 April 1975

(Only the English text is authentic)

(76/486/EEC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN  
COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the Euro-  
pean Community,

Having regard to Council Directive 75/268/EEC of  
28 April 1975 on mountain and hill farming and  
farming in certain less-favoured areas <sup>(1)</sup>, and in  
particular Article 13 thereof,

Having regard to Council Directive 72/159/EEC of  
17 April 1972 on the modernization of farms <sup>(2)</sup>, and  
in particular Article 18 (3) thereof,

Whereas on 23 January 1976 the Government of the  
United Kingdom notified, pursuant to Article 13 of  
Directive 75/268/EEC in conjunction with Article 17  
(4) of Directive 72/159/EEC, the Hill Livestock  
(compensatory allowances) Regulation 1975 of  
18 December 1975;

Whereas this Regulation provides for the granting of  
subsidies on breeding cows and sheep maintained in  
the less-favoured areas listed in Directive 75/276/  
EEC;

Whereas under Article 18 (3) of Directive 72/159/  
EEC and Article 13 of Directive 75/268/EEC, the  
Commission must determine whether, having regard  
to the objectives of Directive 75/268/EEC and to  
the need for a proper connection between the various  
measures, laws, regulations and administrative  
provisions notified comply with this Directive and  
thus satisfy the conditions for a financial contribution  
by the Community;

Whereas the basic objective of Directive 75/268/EEC  
is to ensure the continuation of farming in the  
mountain and hill areas and less-favoured areas laid  
down by the Council, thereby maintaining a  
minimum population level or conserving the  
countryside;

Whereas Directive 75/268/EEC therefore authorizes  
the Member States to introduce a system of aids to  
encourage farming and to raise farm incomes in  
these areas;

Whereas this system may take the form of an  
allowance to compensate farmers for permanent  
natural handicaps, if they undertake to pursue a  
farming activity in accordance with the aims of the  
Directive for at least five years; whereas in the case  
of cattle, sheep and goat farming this allowance is  
calculated in relation to livestock numbers and may  
not exceed 50 units of account per livestock unit and  
50 units of account per hectare under forage but may  
not be less than 15 units of account per livestock  
unit; whereas in addition to the conditions in Articles  
6 and 7 of the Directive, Member States may lay  
down supplementary conditions or limitations on the  
granting of the compensatory allowances;

Whereas the abovementioned Regulation is  
consistent with the aims and conditions of Directive  
75/268/EEC;

Whereas the EAGGF Committee had been consulted  
on the financial aspects;

Whereas the measures provided for in this Decision  
are in accordance with the opinion of the Standing  
Committee on Agricultural Structures,

<sup>(1)</sup> OJ No L 128, 19. 5. 1975, p. 1.

<sup>(2)</sup> OJ No L 96, 23. 4. 1972, p. 1.

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

*Article 1*

The Hill Livestock (compensatory allowances) Regulation 1975, notified by the Government of the United Kingdom on 23 January 1976, satisfies the conditions for a financial contribution by the Community to the measures referred to in Article 13 of Directive 75/268/EEC and Article 15 of Directive 72/159/EEC.

*Article 2*

This Decision is addressed to the United Kingdom.

Done at Brussels, 21 April 1976.

*For the Commission*

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*Member of the Commission*

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