

## COMMISSION DECISION

of 16 November 1981

concerning the clearance of the accounts presented by the French Republic in respect of the European Agricultural Guidance and Guarantee Fund, Guarantee Section, expenditure for 1974

(Only the French text is authentic)

(81/1039/EEC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 729/70 of 21 April 1970 on the financing of the common agricultural policy <sup>(1)</sup>, as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 3509/80 <sup>(2)</sup>, and in particular Article 5 (2) thereof,

After consulting the Fund Committee;

Whereas, under Article 5 (2) (b) of Regulation (EEC) No 729/70, the Commission, on the basis of the annual accounts presented by the Member States, shall clear the accounts of the authorities and bodies referred to in Article 4 of that Regulation;

Whereas the French Republic has transmitted to the Commission the documents required to clear the accounts for 1974; whereas the latter has carried out on-the-spot inspections provided for in Article 9 (2) of Regulation (EEC) No 729/70; whereas, however, it has not been possible for the Commission to examine the original supporting documents for certain kinds of expenditure, or to ascertain that separate accounts have been kept for expenditure from the Fund, Guarantee Section;

Whereas Article 8 of Commission Regulation (EEC) No 1723/72 of 26 July 1972 on the clearance of the accounts of the European Agricultural Guidance and Guarantee Fund, Guarantee Section <sup>(3)</sup>, provides that the Decision to clear the accounts shall include the determination of the amount of expenditure incurred in each Member State during the year in question recognized as chargeable to the Fund, Guarantee Section, and also the determination of the amount of the Community's financial resources still available to each Member State;

Whereas, under Articles 2 and 3 of Regulation (EEC) No 729/70, only refunds on exports to non-member countries and intervention intended to stabilize agricultural markets, respectively granted and undertaken according to Community rules within the

framework of the common organization of agricultural markets, may be financed; whereas the inspections carried out show that a part of the expenditure declared amounting to FF 90 162 814·11 does not satisfy the requirements of these provisions and therefore cannot be financed; whereas the Member State has been fully informed of this deduction and has been able to give its views thereon;

Whereas, as regards the public storage of butter, a part of the expenditure amounting to FF 2 057 132·23 cannot at this stage be accepted for financing in view of the need to give the matter further study and may subsequently be recognized not later than the clearance of the 1976 accounts;

Whereas this Decision is without prejudice to the outcome of inquiries under way in the fruit and vegetables sector,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

*Article 1*

1. The total expenditure by the French Republic recognized as chargeable to the European Agricultural Guidance and Guarantee Fund, Guarantee Section, in respect of the 1974 financial year amounts to FF 3 793 004 893·73.

2. The accounts of the authorities and bodies authorized by the French Republic to pay the expenditure financed by the Fund, Guarantee Section, during the 1974 financial year shall be cleared as indicated in the Annex.

*Article 2*

This Decision is addressed to the French Republic

Done at Brussels, 16 November 1981.

*For the Commission*

Poul DALSAER

*Member of the Commission*

<sup>(1)</sup> OJ No L 94, 28. 4. 1970, p. 13.

<sup>(2)</sup> OJ No L 367, 31. 12. 1980, p. 87.

<sup>(3)</sup> OJ No L 186, 16. 8. 1972, p. 1.

## ANNEX

## Clearance of the accounts of the departments and agencies authorized in the French Republic to pay the expenditure financed by the EAGGF, Guarantee Section, for 1974

	<i>(FF)</i>
1. Funds available after clearance of the accounts for 1973	191 546 906·32
2. Advances received for 1974	4 173 973 785·00
3. Total available to cover expenditure for 1974	4 365 520 691·32
4. Expenditure incurred in 1974 and charged against the EAGGF, Guarantee Section	
— ONIC	471 079 056·03
— FORMA	2 628 800 875·23
— FIRS	216 886 072·65
— SIDO	21 200 652·92
— Service des alcools	- 393·28
— CCPM	1 746 142·82
— ONIBEV	782 723 037·19
— ACCT	<u>- 329 430 549·83</u>
Total	3 793 004 893·73
5. Funds available after clearance of the accounts for 1974	572 515 797·59