

COUNCIL REGULATION (EEC) No 1945/81

of 30 June 1981

restricting investment aids for pig production

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community, and in particular Article 43 thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission ⁽¹⁾,

Having regard to the opinion of the European Parliament ⁽²⁾,

Having regard to the opinion of the Economic and Social Committee ⁽³⁾,

Whereas Article 9 of Council Directive 72/159/EEC of 17 April 1972 on the modernization of farms ⁽⁴⁾, as last amended by Directive 81/528/EEC ⁽⁵⁾, places restrictions on the granting of aid for carrying out a development plan; whereas, in order to take account of the objective of market equilibrium in the Community, the specific conditions under which aid is granted for investments in the pig sector should be altered,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

1. Aids for investment in pig production shall be prohibited except for those granted for that volume of investments necessary to attain 550 pig places per farm.

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

Done at Luxembourg, 30 June 1981.

The Commission may permit a Member State to adjust the limit in the first subparagraph in the context of a farm development plan in specific cases where 550 pig places will not provide a comparable earned income for 1.5 man-work units. However, even in such cases no aid may be granted for that part of the investment which brings the number of pig places to more than 1 000.

2. The detailed rules of application of this Article shall be adopted in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 18 of Directive 72/159/EEC.

Article 2

The first subparagraph of Article 9 (2) of Directive 72/159/EEC is replaced by the following:

'2. Where the development plan provides for an investment in pig farming, the granting under Article 8 (1) (b) and (c) of the incentives to that investment shall be subject to the condition that the farm will be capable on completion of the plan of producing at least 35 % of the feedingstuffs consumed by the pigs.'

Article 3

This Regulation shall enter into force on the third day following its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Communities*.

For the Council

The President

G. BRAKS

⁽¹⁾ OJ No C 124, 17. 5. 1979, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ OJ No C 85, 8. 4. 1980, p. 57.

⁽³⁾ OJ No C 53, 3. 3. 1980, p. 22.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ No L 96, 23. 4. 1972, p. 1.

⁽⁵⁾ See page 41 of this Official Journal.