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## COUNCIL

## COUNCIL DECISION

of 9 February 1976

on intervention by the European Social Fund in favour of persons occupied in the textile and clothing industries

(76/206/EEC)

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,

Having regard to Council Decision 71/66/EEC of 1 February 1971 on the reform of the European Social Fund<sup>(1)</sup>, and in particular Article 4 thereof,Having regard to the proposal from the Commission, Having regard to the opinion of the European Parliament<sup>(2)</sup>,Having regard to the opinion of the Economic and Social Committee<sup>(3)</sup>,Whereas the time limit referred to in the second paragraph of Article 3 of Council Decision 72/429/EEC of 19 December 1972 on intervention by the European Social Fund in favour of persons occupied in the textile industry<sup>(4)</sup>, expired on 1 January 1976;

Whereas, however, the employment situation in the Community textile sector continues to be affected by quantitative and qualitative imbalances and it appears necessary to prolong the specific joint action aimed at ensuring a better adaptation of labour supply and demand in this sector;

Whereas the employment difficulties encountered in the textile sector have progressively affected the clothing sector,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

*Article 1*

1. Operations which are aimed at facilitating the employment and the geographical and occupational mobility of persons occupied in the textile industry, including the processing of chemical fibres, and in the clothing industry, whose activities are directly

affected, or are in danger of being affected, by quantitative or qualitative measures for structural adaptation and who are to pursue activities as employed persons either within those industries or outside them, shall be eligible for assistance from the Social Fund pursuant to Article 4 of Decision 71/66/EEC.

2. Operations for the benefit of self-employed persons in charge of textile or clothing undertakings, in particular small craft undertakings, who are to pursue activities as self-employed persons, shall also be eligible for assistance from the Fund on the terms laid down in paragraph 1.

*Article 2*

Aids included in the list laid down by Council Regulation (EEC) No 2397/71 of 8 November 1971 on aids which may qualify for assistance from the European Social Fund<sup>(5)</sup>, as amended by Regulation (EEC) No 1761/74<sup>(6)</sup>, may also receive assistance from the Fund by virtue of this Decision.

*Article 3*

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

It shall apply to operations of which the draft has received the approval of the Commission during a period beginning 2 January 1976 and ending 18 months after the entry into force of this Decision.

Done at Brussels, 9 February 1976.

*For the Council**The President*

G. THORN

<sup>(1)</sup> OJ No L 28, 4. 2. 1971, p. 15.<sup>(2)</sup> OJ No C 280, 8. 12. 1975, p. 65.<sup>(3)</sup> Opinion delivered on 27 November 1975 (not yet published in the Official Journal).<sup>(4)</sup> OJ No L 291, 28. 12. 1972, p. 160.<sup>(5)</sup> OJ No L 249, 10. 11. 1971, p. 58.<sup>(6)</sup> OJ No L 185, 9. 7. 1974, p. 1.