

COMMISSION DECISION

of 26 July 1983

on requests for reimbursement of aid granted by Member States to producer groups and associations thereof in the cotton sector

(83/465/EEC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 389/82 of 15 February 1982 on producer groups and associations thereof in the cotton sector⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 12 (4) thereof,

Whereas requests for reimbursement to be submitted by Member States to the European Agricultural Guidance and Guarantee Fund must include certain information making it possible to verify that the expenditure complies with the provisions of Regulation (EEC) No 389/82 and is as specified in the appropriate programme for the development and rationalization of cotton production and marketing approved under Article 8 (1) of that Regulation;

Whereas if verification is to be effective, Member States must, for a period of three years from payment of the last reimbursement, retain the supporting documents at the Commission's disposal;

Whereas the measures provided for in this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the European Agricultural Guidance and Guarantee Fund Committee,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

1. Applications for reimbursement as mentioned in Article 12 (1) of Regulation (EEC) No 389/82

must be submitted in the tabular form indicated in the Annexes.

2. Member States shall transmit to the Commission, along with their first request for reimbursement, the texts of national implementing and control provisions and of administrative directives, forms and any other documents confirming the administrative action to implement the measures concerned.

Article 2

Member States shall, for a period of three years from payment of the last reimbursement, hold at the Commission's disposal all supporting documents, or certified copies thereof, in its possession on the basis of which aid as provided for in Regulation (EEC) No 389/82 was granted, together with complete case files on the beneficiaries.

Article 3

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 26 July 1983.

For the Commission

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⁽¹⁾ OJ No L 51, 23. 2. 1982, p. 1.

ANNEX 1

**Application for reimbursement of expenditure incurred during 19.. under Regulation (EEC)
No 389/82**

SUMMARY

	Number of groups and associations of groups concerned	Aid paid by Member State	Reimbursement requested from EAGGF
LAUNCHING AID (total of Annex 3.1)			
INVESTMENT AID (total of Annex 4.1)			
TOTAL			
RECOVERIES (total of Annex 5)			
TOTAL			
Advance already paid by EAGGF			
Balance to be reimbursed			

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ANNEX 2

(to be submitted on the occasion of the first application for reimbursement by the group or association)

Information to be provided by the Member State on producer groups and associations thereof (Articles 1, 2, 3 and 6 of Regulation (EEC) No 389/82)

Member State:

— Serial No (1):

— Name and address of producer group or association of groups:

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— Date of constitution or formation by merger:

— It is confirmed that the date of recognition under Article 3 (1) of Regulation (EEC) No 389/82 is:

1. Are the obligations mentioned in the following Articles of Regulation (EEC) No 389/82 met:

— Article 1 (1), first indent

(state the area of land cultivated/member and quantities sold/member)

— Article 1 (1), second indent

— Article 2 (1) (a) and (d)

— Article 2 (1) (b)

— Article 2 (1) (c)

— Article 2 (1) (e)

— Article 2 (1) (f)

— Article 2 (1) (g)

— Article 2 (2)

2. What quantities if any are the members authorized by the group or association to market themselves?

3. What if any additional aid is it planned to grant or is already granted to the group or association (Article 13 of Regulation (EEC) No 389/82)?

4. If the group or association has been formed from existing organizations already complying with the requirements of Regulation (EEC) No 389/82 (Article 4 (6) (b) in what ways will the new organization be better equipped to achieve more fully the objectives specified in Article 1 of the Regulation?

(1) Continuous numbering.

ANNEX 3.1

Application for reimbursement granted under Title 1 of Regulation (EEC) No 389/82

LAUNCHING AIDS

Number	Name of producer group or association of producer groups	Amount of aid granted under Article 4 (2) (3) or (6) of Regulation (EEC) No 389/82
Aid for the first year following the date of recognition		
Aid for the second year following the date of recognition		
Aid for the third year following the date of recognition		
TOTAL		
Amount to be reimbursed		

REGIONAL DISTRIBUTION

Administrative unit	Number of recognized producer groups and associations of producer groups	Total aid	Amount to be reimbursed
TOTAL			

ANNEX 3.2

Launching aid for producer groups and associations thereof under Article 4 (2), (3) or (6) of Regulation (EEC) No 389/82

Serial No (1):

Name of producer group or association of producer groups:

Date of recognition under Article 3 (1) of Regulation (EEC) No 389/82:

The group/association:

- is new,
- was in existence before Regulation (EEC) No 389/82 entered into force,
- is a merger of organizations already complying with the requirements of Article 2 of Regulation (EEC) No 389/82.

Number of members: Annual production volume (Article 2 (1) (b) of Regulation (EEC) No 389/82: tonnes

Amount of aid granted:

Date aid granted:

The aid has been granted in respect of the year following the date of recognition

CALCULATION OF AID

Year	Annual volume (2)	Average price (2)	Value of production (2)	Maximum aid on basis of production value (column 4)	Formation and administrative expenditure (as specified in Regulation (EEC) No 2084/80)	Of which additional expenditure as defined in Article 4 (6) (a) of Regulation (EEC) No 389/82	Expenditure on formation in cases covered by Article 4 (6) (b) of Regulation (EEC) No 389/82	Maximum aid calculated on the basis of the expenditure shown in columns 6 to 8	Amount of aid granted
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10

(1) Continuous numbering.
 (2) Only for producer groups.

It is confirmed that:

- the group/association mentioned above pursues the aims set out in Article 1 (1) and fulfils all the conditions laid down in Article 2 of Regulation (EEC) No 389/82;
- the value of the products marketed has been calculated as specified in Article 4 (4) of Regulation (EEC) No 389/82;
- the actual formation and administrative operating expenditure mentioned in Article 4 (2) (b) and (3) (a) of Regulation (EEC) No 389/82 was calculated as specified in Regulation (EEC) No 2084/80 and approved by the competent authorities of the Member State;
- in the case of groups and associations formed before Regulation (EEC) No 389/82 entered into force aid has been granted only in respect of the additional cost of adjustments to meet the requirements of Article 2 of that Regulation;
- in the case of groups and associations of groups formed by the merger of organizations that already complied with the requirements of Regulation (EEC) No 389/82:
 - the merger will enable the objectives specified in Article 1 of that Regulation to be achieved more easily,
 - aid has been granted only in respect of the expenditure incurred on formation of the groups/associations;
- beneficiaries are informed of the proportion of the aid granted that is to be paid by the Community (a memorandum on the procedure adopted for this purpose is attached).

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ANNEX 4.1

Application for reimbursement granted under Title II of Regulation (EEC) No 389/82

INVESTMENT AID

Number	Name of organization	Amount of aid granted under Article 5 of Regulation (EEC) No 389/82
TOTAL Amount to be reimbursed		

REGIONAL DISTRIBUTION

Administrative unit	Number of groups and associations recognized	Total aid	Amount to be reimbursed
TOTAL			

ANNEX 4.2

Investment aid granted to producer groups and associations of producer groups under Article 5 of Regulation (EEC) No 389/82

Serial No (1):

Name of group or association:

Date of recognition (Article 3 (1) of Regulation (EEC) No 389/82):

Number of members:

Annual volume of production (Article 2 (1) (b) of Regulation (EEC) No 389/82): tonnes

Date aid granted:

BREAKDOWN OF INVESTMENT COSTS (2)

Type of expenditure (3)	Amount	Aid paid by Member State
Amount of reimbursement requested		

(1) Continuous numbering.

(2) Break the costs down by area of activity, i.e. harvesting, ginning, storage and market preparation.

(3) E.g. cost of purchasing a machine, erecting buildings, etc.

Supplementary form

ANNEX 4.3

Investments qualifying for aid under Title II of Regulation (EEC) No 389/82

1. Beneficiary:
- 1.1. Name and address:
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- 1.2. Geographical area:
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- 1.3. State each member's total area under cotton and total production both before and after completion of the project:
- 1.4. Quantity marketed through the group or association both before and after completion of the project:
- 1.5. Capacities before and after completion of project:
 - mechanical harvesting
 - ginning
 - storage
 - market preparation
2. Planned investment:
- 2.1. Location:
- 2.2. Description of the needs to be met by the project:
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- 2.3. Description of existing equipment:
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- 2.4. General and technical description of planned investment:
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- 2.5. Estimate of total cost:
- 2.6. Planned dates for commencement and completion:
- 2.7. Part already completed:
3. Financing planned:
- 3.1. Beneficiary's contribution:
- 3.2. Member State's contribution:
Proportion of above to be reimbursed by the EAGGF:
4. Planned improvements:
 - 4.1. Improvement of structures for:
 - supply
 - marketing
 - standardization and quality
 - 4.2. Effect on incomes of growers who are members of the group or association:

ANNEX 5

Recovery during year 19.. of aid paid out under Regulation (EEC) No 389/82

1	2	3	4	5
Code number or name and address of beneficiary	Aid recovered	Amount to be deducted from EAGGF contribution	Measure concerned (type of aid) and reasons for recovery	If applicable, code number of communication under Regulation (EEC) No 283/72 ⁽¹⁾
TOTAL				

(1) Submission of this information does not dispense the Member State from sending the documents provided for in Articles 3 and 5 of Regulation (EEC) No 283/72 concerning irregularities and the recovery of sums wrongly paid in connection with the financing of the common agricultural policy and the organization of an information system in this field. Consequently, if the recovery is made in connection with an irregularity notified under that Regulation the code number used in notifying the case must be shown.

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