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(Preparatory Acts)

COMMISSION

Proposal for a Council Regulation extending the common measure provided for in Regulation (EEC) No 1975/82 on the acceleration of agricultural development in certain regions of Greece*(Submitted by the Commission to the Council on 22 July 1983)*

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,

Having regard to the opinion of the European Parliament

Whereas Council Regulation (EEC) No 1975/82 ⁽¹⁾ applies only to certain less-favoured areas defined in Council Directive 81/645/EEC of 20 July 1981 concerning the Community list of less-favoured farming areas within the meaning of Directive 75/268/EEC (Greece) ⁽²⁾;

Whereas on 24 March 1983 the Commission transmitted proposals to the Council dealing with, among other subjects, the future development of agricultural structures in Greece;

Whereas, to ensure the effective implementation of Community schemes to improve agricultural structures in Greece which have already been adopted by the Council or will be adopted in future, it is necessary to embark immediately upon a number of projects of infrastructure improvement, irrigation and drainage and forestry improvement;

Whereas certain measures already applying to certain regions of Greece should be extended to include all rural areas during the period until the integrated Mediterranean programme comes into effect in Greece;

Whereas such an extension is particularly important in the interests of the Community as a whole; whereas the measures concerned therefore constitute a common measure within the meaning of Article 6 of Council Regulation (EEC) No 729/70 of 21 April

1970 on the financing of the common agricultural policy ⁽³⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 3509/80 ⁽⁴⁾,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

1. A common measure within the meaning of Article 6 (1) of Regulation (EEC) No 729/70, to be implemented by the Hellenic Republic, is hereby introduced for the purpose of bringing about a significant improvement in the agricultural structure of the rural areas not covered by Regulation (EEC) No 1975/82.

2. The common measure shall consist of the measures referred to in Title II (rural infrastructure), Title III (irrigation) and Title VII (forestry measures) of Regulation (EEC) No 1975/82.

Article 2

1. The common measure shall continue until the date on which the integrated Mediterranean programme becomes effective in respect of Greece.

2. The estimated cost of the common measure to be charged to the Guidance Section of the European Agricultural Guidance and Guarantee Fund amounts to 44,7 million ECU over one year.

Article 3

1. The expenditure incurred by the Hellenic Republic in respect of the common measure will be eligible for reimbursement by the EAGGF up to the amounts specified in paragraph 2.

2. The EAGGF shall reimburse to the Greek Government the following percentages of its actual expenditure:

⁽¹⁾ OJ No L 214, 22. 7. 1982, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ OJ No L 238, 24. 8. 1981, p. 1.

⁽³⁾ OJ No L 94, 28. 4. 1970, p. 13.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ No L 367, 31. 12. 1980, p. 87.

- (a) 50 % in the case of infrastructure projects. However, this amount may not exceed 40 % of the investment cost, up to a maximum of:
- 4,5 million ECU in respect of electricity supply,
 - 16,8 million ECU in respect of drinking-water supply,
 - 11,2 million ECU in respect of farm roads and other local roads;
- (b) 50 % in the case of other projects, up to a maximum of:
- 4 800 ECU per hectare in respect of irrigation works with a ceiling of 9 800 hectares or 34,3 million ECU;
 - 2 300 ECU per hectare in respect of afforestation with a ceiling of 3 400 hectares or 6,5 million ECU;
 - 2 000 ECU per hectare in respect of improvement of deteriorated forest with a ceiling of 2 800 hectares or 4,6 million ECU;
 - 260 ECU per hectare in respect of the control of fast-flowing streams with a ceiling of 28 000 hectares protected or 6 million ECU;
- 150 ECU per hectare in respect of fire protection with a ceiling of 14 000 hectares protected or 1,6 million ECU;
 - 18 000 ECU per kilometre in respect of forest roads with a ceiling of 700 kilometres or 9,9 million ECU;
 - 5 % of the total cost projects under Article 14 of Regulation (EEC) No 1975/82 for preparatory work for schemes on private land, with a ceiling of 0,2 million ECU.

Article 4

Articles 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 14, 15, 17, 18 (3), 19, 20 and 21 of Regulation (EEC) No 1975/82 shall apply to the common measure described herein.

Article 5

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

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

ANNEX

Calculation of the cost of extending the measures referred to in Titles II, III and VII of Regulation
(EEC) No 1975/82 to all rural areas of Greece for a limited period

(in million ECU)			
Measure	Total aid	in %	EAGGF contribution
<i>Infrastructure</i>			
— electricity	4,5	40	1,8
— drinking water	16,8	40	6,7
— farm roads	11,2	40	4,5
<i>Irrigation</i>			
9 800 ha × 3 500 ECU/ha average	34,3	50	17,2
<i>Afforestation</i>			
3 400 ha × 2 000 ECU/ha average = 6,8 million ECU			
15 % deduction for 20 % private recipients of aid 3 400 × 2 000 × 15 % × 20 % = 0,2 million ECU	6,6	50	3,3
<i>Improvement of deteriorated forest</i>			
2 800 ha × 1 700 ECU/ha average = 4,76 million ECU			
Deduction of (20 % × 15 % × 2 800 × 1 700) = 0,15 million ECU	4,6	50	2,3
<i>Control of fast-flowing streams</i>			
28 000 ha × 215 ECU/ha average	6	50	3
<i>Fire protection</i>			
14 000 ha × 120 ECU/ha average = 1,68 million ECU			
Deduction of (20 % × 15 % × 14 000 × 120) = 0,05 million ECU	1,6	50	0,8
<i>Forest roads</i>			
700 km × 14 500 ECU/km average = 10,2			
Deduction of (20 % × 15 % × 14 500 × 700) = 0,3 million ECU	9,9	50	5
<i>Preparatory works</i>	0,2	50	0,1
Total	95,7		44,7