

Proposal for a Council Regulation (EEC) amending Regulation (EEC) No 355/77 on common measures to improve the conditions under which agricultural and fishery products are processed and marketed

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THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community, and in particular Articles 42 and 43 thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Having regard to the opinion of the European Parliament,

Having regard to the opinion of the Economic and Social Committee,

Whereas the development of the forestry sector and the utilization of woodland on agricultural holdings may contribute to the development of the Community's rural areas and to decreasing output of agricultural products which are in surplus;

Whereas the measures provided for in Article 20 of Council Regulation (EEC) No 797/85 of 12 March 1985 on improving the efficiency of agricultural structures⁽¹⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No ... , and in Regulation (EEC) No ... introducing a common measure for the development and the utilization of woodland in rural areas of the Community can produce the desired effects only if a Community contribution to the development of the forestry sector as a whole is possible;

Whereas it is appropriate to extend the actions foreseen in Council Regulation (EEC) No 355/77 of 15 February 1977⁽²⁾, as last amended by Council Regulation (EEC) No 1760/87⁽³⁾, to the marketing and processing of forestry products,

⁽¹⁾ OJ No L 93, 30. 3. 1985, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ OJ No L 51, 23. 2. 1977, p. 1.

⁽³⁾ OJ No L 167, 26. 6. 1987, p. 1.

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Regulation (EEC) No 355/77 is modified as follows:

1. In Article 1, the first paragraph is replaced by the following text:

'1. In order to improve the market structure of agricultural products and in particular to facilitate adaptations or adjustments to agriculture, made necessary by the economic consequences of the common agricultural policy or replying to its needs, and in order that a development of the forestry sector may contribute to the improvement of agricultural structures, notably in rural areas of the Community, a common action is initiated to allow the development or the rationalization of enterprises which deal with the treatment, processing or marketing of agricultural or forestry products.'

2. Article 2 is replaced by the following text:

'Specific programmes, hereafter called "programmes", seeking to develop or rationalize the treatment, processing or marketing of one or several agricultural, forestry or fishery products in one part or over all the Community, and likewise in particular those products destined for new outlets or new technologies. They are to be drawn up by the Member States.'

3. In Article 7, the first paragraph is replaced by the following text:

'1. The projects concerning the marketing of products listed in Annex II of the Treaty or the production of processed products figuring in the said Annex, as well as the marketing and the primary processing of forestry products.'

Article 2

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 in all Member States.