COUNCIL DECISION

of 24 July 1973

concerning the present system of aid in the United Kingdom for the refining of raw sugar

(73/209/EEC)

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community and in particular the third subparagraph of Article 93 (2) thereof;

Having regard to the request submitted by the Government of the United Kingdom;

Whereas on 25 May 1973 the British authorities notified the Commission that it had introduced an aid to refineries situated in the United Kingdom in respect of raw sugar refined on or after 1 February 1973;

Whereas by letter dated 16 July 1973 the Commission decided on the basis of Article 93 (2) of the Treaty, that the Government of the United Kingdom should abolish this aid;

Whereas, notwithstanding the Regulations adopted pursuant to the Act on the Conditions of Accession and the Adjustments to the Treaties, and having regard in particular to the imports referred to in Protocol No 17, circumstances are such as to justify the granting of this aid;

Whereas, having regard to these exceptional circumstances there are, therefore, grounds to declare the aid as notified by the British authorities to the Commission compatible with the common market and to authorize the granting thereof;

Whereas this authorization should nevertheless be limited to the date of expiry of the present sugar season;

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

The aid in respect of the refining of raw sugar notified to the Commission on 25 May 1973 by the British authorities is hereby authorized.

This authorization shall expire on 30 June 1974.

Article 2

The Decision is addressed to the United Kingdom.

Done at Brussels, 24 July 1973.

For the Council

The President

I. NØRGAARD