COMMISSION DECISION

of 5 September 1974

amending the Commission Decision of 8 August 1974 authorizing certain Member States to apply special intervention measures for common wheat

(Only the Dutch, French and German texts are authentic)

(74/468/EEC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community;

Having regard to Council Regulation No 120/67/EEC (1) of 13 June 1967 on the common organization of the market in cereals, as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 1996/74 (2) and in particular the second paragraph of Article 8 and Article 24 thereof;

Having regard to Council Regulation No 174/67/EEC (3) of 27 June 1967 on special intervention measures for cereals, as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 445/68 (4), and in particular Article 1 thereof;

Having regard to the communication from the Kingdoms of the Netherlands, Belgium, the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg and from the Federal Republic of Germany which reached the Commission on 23, 25 and 30 July 1974 respectively stating the particularly difficult situation for holders of common wheat at the start of the new marketing year and including requests for special intervention measures for common wheat;

Whereas the Commission by its Decision of 8 August 1974 authorized the Member States concerned to apply special intervention measures involving a total quantity of 865 000 metric tons of common wheat; whereas the dates specified in the above Decision for the submission of applications by the holders of common wheat to the intervention agency of the Member State concerned and for the undertaking to keep the grain in stock appear to be too close that there is need to extend the dates at first allowed;

Whereas the measures provided for in this Decision are in accordance with the Opinion of the Management Committee for Cereals,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The second paragraph of Article 1 of the Decision of 8 August 1974 is replaced by the following text.:

'These operations shall involve the conclusion before 23 October 1974 of contracts between the intervention agency and the holders of common wheat in terms of which:

(a) the holders shall undertake to keep in store from a date between 1 and 18 September 1974, to be fixed by the intervention agency, until 31 January 1975 a given quantity of soft wheat;

(b) the intervention agency shall grant to the holders of that quantity, at the end of the period laid down in (a), a daily premium, intended to cover storage and credit costs, fixed contractually at 0·0233 unit of account per metric ton.'

Article 2

Article 2 of the Decision of 8 August 1974 is amended as follows:

The first paragraph is replaced by the following text:

'Holders who wish to enter into such an undertaking must make a written application, amounting to a firm undertaking, to the intervention agency before the date fixed by the latter for the beginning of the period of storage. They must give in this application an indication of the quantity in question which may not be less than 200 metric tons.'

The third paragraph is replaced by the following text;

'The competent intervention agency shall communicate to the holder, twenty eight days at the latest after the date fixed for the beginning of the period of storage, the quantity which will be subject to the undertaking.'

Article 3

This Decision is addressed to the Kingdom of the Netherlands, Belgium, the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg and the Federal Republic of Germany.

Done at Brussels, 5 September 1974.

For the Commission

The President

François-Xavier ORTOLI

(1) OJ No 117, 19. 6. 1967, p. 2269/67.
(2) OJ No L 209, 31. 7. 1974, p. 1.
(3) OJ No 130, 28. 6. 1967, p. 2609/67.
(4) OJ No L 91, 12. 4. 1968, p. 3.