COMMISSION DECISION

of 30 January 1975

authorizing certain Member States to apply special intervention measures for common wheat

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

(75/112/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 85/75 (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 ;

Whereas the Kingdom of Belgium, the Federal Republic of Germany, the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg and the Kingdom of the Netherlands, by their communication which reached the Commission on 20, 22 and 23 January 1975, have requested an extension of the special intervention measures which those Member States are authorized to carry out pursuant to the Commission Decision of 8 August 1974 (5) authorizing certain Member States to apply special intervention measures for common wheat, as amended by the Commission Decision of 5 September 1974 (6) ; whereas these requests are justified by the fact that the undertakings to store the quantities of common wheat concerned by these special intervention measures terminate on 31 January 1975 and that their release into the market after that date carried the risk of accentuating the decline in prices and consequently of obliging the intervention agencies to make large purchases ;

Whereas in these conditions the said Member States should be authorized to have their intervention agencies enter into contracts with the holders of common wheat who, having already made use of the special intervention measures provided for in the Commission Decision of 8 August 1974, are inclined to extend the storage undertaking up to 28 February or 31 March 1975, at the choice of the holder ;

Whereas these undertakings must be made under similar conditions to those laid down for the previous undertakings ;

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 Kingdom of Belgium, the Kingdom of the Netherlands, the Federal Republic of Germany and the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg are authorized to have their intervention agencies carry out special intervention measures for common wheat.

These operations shall involve the conclusion before 15 February 1975 of contracts, between the intervention agency and holders of common wheat who concluded a storage undertaking in application of the Commission Decision of 8 August 1974, in terms of which :

(a) the holders shall undertake to keep in store all or part of the quantity of common wheat stored since the period 1 to 18 September 1974, until 28 February or 31 March 1975 ;

(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

Holders referred to in Article 1 who wish to enter into such an undertaking must make a written application, amounting to a firm undertaking, to the intervention agency before 3 February 1975.

(1) OJ No 117, 19. 6. 1967, p. 2269/67.
(2) OJ No L 11, 16. 1. 1975, p. 1.
(3) OJ No 130, 28. 6. 1967, p. 2609/67.
(4) OJ No L 91, 12. 4. 1968, p. 3.
(5) OJ No L 238, 30. 8. 1974, p. 43.
(6) OJ No L 250, 13. 9. 1974, p. 36.

Article 3

The intervention agency shall verify the existence of the claimants' stocks before signature of the contract and at the end of the period of storage. Moreover it shall carry out all necessary control measures to confirm that the undertaking is respected.

Article 4

The Member States concerned may be authorized, according to the procedure laid down in Article 26 of Regulation No 120/67/EEC, to terminate the undertaking provided for in Article 1 (a).

In this case the daily premium referred to in Article 1 (b) shall be granted up to the day fixed by the Member State in question for termination of the undertaking.

Article 5

The Member States concerned shall keep the Commission informed as to the development of the operations provided for in this Decision.

Article 6

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

Done at Brussels, 30 January 1975.

For the Commission

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