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COUNCIL

COUNCIL DECISION

of 15 March 1976

on the system of aid to be applied in France for certain wine-growers

(76/306/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 French Government's request,

Whereas the abundant 1973/74 and 1974/75 harvests have yielded supplies in excess of the normal requirements of a wine-growing year;

Whereas the French Government has requested authorization to grant aid to wine-growers in certain predominantly wine-growing regions of the French Republic subject to special production constraints in which specific difficulties have arisen with repercussions extending beyond the present wine year;

Whereas, having regard to the above difficulties, and in view of the exceptional nature of this situation, the French Government should be authorized to grant this aid;

Whereas it is necessary to define the conditions for granting this aid, by determining the maximum amount thereof and authorizing it for a sufficient period;

Whereas, in addition, the French Republic should be permitted to adopt the arrangements for granting this aid,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The French Republic is hereby authorized to grant aid up to a maximum of one French franc per degree per hectolitre to certain full-time wine growers. It shall adopt the arrangements for granting this aid, in particular the criteria governing yield and the vine varieties of vineyards.

Article 2

The authorization referred to in Article 1 is valid for three years from the date on which this Decision takes effect.

Article 3

This Decision is addressed to the French Republic.

Done at Brussels, 15 March 1976.

For the Council

The President

R. VOUEL