COMMISSION DECISION

of 21 November 1977

on the implementation of the reform of agricultural structures in France pursuant to Directive 72/160/EEC

(Only the French text is authentic)

(77/752/EEC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,

Having regard to Council Directive 72/160/EEC of 17 April 1972 concerning measures to encourage the cessation of farming and the reallocation of utilized agricultural area for the purposes of structural improvement [1], and in particular Article 9 (3) thereof,

Whereas on 1 July 1977 the French Governement notified, pursuant to Article 8 (4) of Direcive 72/160/EEC, decree No 77-468 of 4 May 1977 amending decree No 74-131 of 20 February 1974 on the granting of a retirement annuity to elderly farmers ceasing to practise farming;

Whereas under Article 9 (3) of Directive 72/160/EEC the Commission has to decide whether, having regard to decree No 77-468, the provisions governing the implementation in France of Directive 72/160/EEC, which form the subject of Commission Decision 77/207/EEC of 2 March 1977 [2], continue to satisfy the conditions for financial contribution by the Community to common measures within the meaning of Article 6 of Directive 72/160/EEC;

Whereas the amendments provided for in decree No 77-468 to the existing rules governing the cessation of farming are consistent with the objectives and provisions of Directive 72/160/EEC;

Whereas the EAGGF Committee has been consulted on the financial aspects;

Whereas the measures provided for in this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the Standing Committee on Agricultural Structures,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

Having regard to the amendments contained in decree No 77-468 of 4 May 1977 amending decree 74-131 of 20 February 1974, the provisions implementing Directive 72/160/EEC in France continue to satisfy the conditions for financial contribution by the Community to common measures within the meaning of Article 6 of Directive 72/160/EEC.

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to France.

Done at Brussels, 21 November 1977.

For the Commission

Finn GUNDELACH

Vice-President

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[1] OJ No L 96, 23. 4. 1972, p. 9.
[2] OJ No L 64, 10. 3. 1977, p. 15.