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COUNCIL

COUNCIL DECISION

of 17 April 1978

adopting a multiannual research and development programme (1978 to 1980) for the European Economic Community in the field of paper and board recycling (indirect action)

(78/384/EEC)

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community, and in particular Article 235 thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Having regard to the opinion of the European Parliament (1),

Having regard to the opinion of the Economic and Social Committee (2),

Whereas pursuant to Article 2 of the Treaty the Community has the task of promoting throughout the Community a harmonious development of economic activities, a continuous and balanced expansion and an accelerated raising of the standard of living;

Whereas the Community paper and board industry depends to a great extent on third countries for its supply of raw materials; whereas it is therefore in the Community's interest to increase its self-supply potential and to improve the technologies employed in recovering and recycling waste paper and board;

Whereas the Council of the European Communities and the Representatives of the Governments of the Member States meeting within the Council adopted on 17 May 1977 a resolution on the continuation and implementation of a European Community policy and action programme on the environment (3);

Whereas a Community research project in the field of paper and board recycling is likely to contribute effectively to the achievement of the abovementioned objectives, particularly by increasing paper and board recycling and improving the quality of recycled paper;

Whereas the Treaty does not provide the specific powers necessary for this purpose;

Whereas the European Parliament adopted on 19 April 1977 a resolution on the supply of raw materials to the Community;

Whereas the Scientific and Technical Research Committee (CREST) has given its opinion on the proposal from the Commission,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

For a three year period from 1 January 1978, the Community shall carry out a research and development programme in the field of paper and board recycling as described in the Annex.

Article 2

The upper limit of expenditure commitments necessary for the implementation of the programme shall be 2·9 million European units of account, the European unit of account being defined by the Financial Regulations applicable, and the maximum number of staff shall be two.

(1) OJ No C 36, 13. 2. 1978, p. 48.
(2) OJ No C 59, 8. 3. 1978, p. 57.
(3) OJ No C 139, 13. 6. 1977, p. 1.

Article 3

The Commission shall be responsible for implementing the programme. It shall be assisted in this task by an Advisory Committee on Programme Management, the terms of reference and composition of which shall be defined in accordance with the Council resolution of 18 July 1977 on advisory committees on research programme management (1).

Article 4

The information resulting from the execution of the programme shall be disseminated in accordance with Council Regulation (EEC) No 2380/74 of 17 September 1974 adopting provisions for the dissemination of information relating to research programmes for the European Economic Community (2).

Done at Luxembourg, 17 April 1978.

For the Council

The President

K. HEINESEN

ANNEX

RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

Research topic I :

Characterization of reclaimed fibres, their upgrading by various processes and the effects of multiple fibre recycling.

Research topic II :

Elimination of the detrimental effect of contaminants in waste paper, including the dispersion of thermoplastic contaminants.

Research topic III :

De-inking, including the relationship between different types of ink and de-inking, and the treatment of effluent from waste-paper recycling plants.

Research topic IV :

Use of urban fibres, including technological characterization of fibres in solid urban waste, and health problems caused by the use of recycled fibres.

The research will be carried out under contract.

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(1) OJ No C 192, 11. 8. 1977, p. 1.

(2) OJ No L 255, 20. 9. 1974, p. 1.