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COMMISSION

COMMISSION DECISION

of 12 October 1979

concerning the clearance of the accounts presented by the Kingdom of Belgium in respect of the European Agricultural Guidance and Guarantee Fund, Guarantee Section, expenditure for 1973

(Only the French and Dutch texts are authentic)

(79/893/EEC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 729/70 of 21 April 1970 on the financing of the common agricultural policy (1), as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 929/79 (2), and in particular Article 5 (2) thereof,

After consulting the Fund Committee ;

Whereas, under Article 5 (2) (b) of Regulation (EEC) No 729/70, the Commission, on the basis of the annual accounts presented by the Member States, shall clear the accounts of the authorities and bodies referred to in Article 4 of that Regulation ;

Whereas the Kingdom of Belgium has transmitted to the Commission the documents required to clear the accounts for 1973 ; whereas the latter has carried out the on-the-spot inspections provided for in Article 9 (2) of Regulation (EEC) No 729/70 ;

Whereas Article 8 of Commission Regulation (EEC) No 1723/72 of 26 July 1972 on the clearance of the accounts of the European Agricultural Guidance and Guarantee Fund, Guidance Section (3), provides that the decision to clear the accounts shall include the determination of the amount of expenditutre incurred in each Member State during the year in question recognized as chargeable to the Fund, Guarantee Section, and also the determination of the amount of the Community's financial resources still available to each Member State ;

Whereas, under Articles 2 and 3 of Regulation (EEC) No 729/70, only refunds on exports to non-member countries and intervention intended to stabilize agricultural markets, respectively granted and undertaken according to Community rules within the framework of the common organization of agricultural markets, may be financed ; whereas the inspections carried out show that a part of the expenditure declared amounting to Bfrs 50 439 735 does not satisfy the requirements of these provisions and therefore cannot be financed ; whereas the Member State has been fully informed of this deduction and has been able to give its views thereon ;

Whereas, as regards the public storage of butter, a part of the expenditure amounting to Bfrs 13 513 134 cannot at this stage be accepted for financing in view of the need to give the matter further study ;

Whereas this Decision is without prejudice to the outcome of inquiries under way in the milk products and fruit and vegetables sectors,

(1) OJ No L 94, 28. 4. 1970, p. 13.
(2) OJ No L 117, 12. 5. 1979, p. 4.
(3) OJ No L 186, 16. 8. 1972, p. 1.

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION :

Article 1

1. The total expenditure by the Kingdom of Belgium recognized as chargeable to the European Agricultural Guidance and Guarantee Fund, Guarantee Section, in respect of the 1973 financial year is Bfrs 9 617 084 437.

2. The accounts of the authorities and bodies empowered by the Kingdom of Belgium to pay the expenditure financed by the Fund, Guarantee Section, during the 1973 financial year shall be cleared as indicated in the Annex.

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to the Kingdom of Belgium.

Done at Brussels, 12 October 1979.

For the Commission

Finn GUNDELACH

Vice-President

ANNEX

Clearance of the accounts of the departments and agencies authorized in Belgium to pay the expenses financed by the EAGGF, Guarantee Section, for 1973

1. Funds available after clearance of the accounts for 1972		Bfrs 639 461 264
2. Advances received for 1973		Bfrs 9 042 500 000
3. Total available to cover expenditure for 1973		Bfrs 9 681 961 264
4. Expenditure incurred in 1973 and charged against the EAGGF, Guarantee Section :		
— OCCL		Bfrs 4 185 797 156
— OBEA		Bfrs 5 031 256 064
— ONL		Bfrs 400 031 217
	Total	Bfrs 9 617 084 437
5. Funds available after clearance of the accounts for 1973		Bfrs 64 876 827