COMMISSION DECISION

of 27 October 1980

approving a programme concerning the treatment, processing and marketing of tobacco in Italy pursuant to Council Regulation (EEC) No 355/77

(Only the Italian text is authentic)

(80/1036/EEC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 355/77 of 15 February 1977 on common measures to improve the conditions under which agricultural products are processed and marketed [1], and in particular Article 5 thereof,

Whereas the Italian Government forwarded a programme for the treatment, processing and marketing of tobacco on 17 December 1979 ;

Whereas that programme relates to the creation, expansion and rationalization of facilities for storing and processing raw tobacco and marketing processed tobacco, and has the object of creating the necessary conditions for varietal reconversion of tobacco production to those corresponding to market demand, to adapt the quality of the supply of processed tobacco to demand and thus to improve the profitability of the sector concerned ; whereas it therefore constitutes a programme within the meaning of Article 2 of Regulation (EEC) No 355/77 ;

Whereas the programme contains the details required under Article 3 of Regulation (EEC) No 355/77, showing that the objectives laid down in Article 1 of that Regulation can be achieved in respect of the tobacco sector in Italy ; whereas the schedule for implementation of the programme does not exceed the time limit laid down in Article 3 (1) (g) of that Regulation ;

Whereas the Standing Committee on Agricultural Structure has not delivered an opinion within the time limit set by its chairman,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION :

Article 1

The programme for the treatment, processing and marketing of tobacco submitted by the Italian Government on 17 December 1979 pursuant to Regulation (EEC) No 355/77 is hereby approved.

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to the Italian Republic.

Done at Brussels, 27 October 1980.

For the Commission

Finn GUNDELACH

Vice-President

(1) OJ No L 51, 23. 2. 1977, p. 1.