COMMISSION DECISION

of 28 October 1980

approving a Belgian programme for marketing and processing potatoes pursuant to Council Regulation (EEC) No 355/77

(Only the Dutch and French texts are authentic)

(80/1196/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 Belgian Government forwarded its programme for the marketing and processing of potatoes on 5 June 1980 ;

Whereas the said programme relates to the creation and expansion of storage, grading and packaging facilities for potatoes and the expansion and rationalization of potato processing with the aim of adapting production and sales to market requirements as to quantity, quality and form of supply and thus to raise the incomes of potato growers ; 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 the said Regulation can be achieved in respect of the potato sector in Belgium ; whereas the schedule for implementation of the programme does not exceed the time limit laid down in Article 3 (1) (g) of the Regulation ;

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

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION :

Article 1

The programme for marketing and processing potatoes forwarded by the Belgium Government pursuant to Regulation (EEC) No 355/77 on 5 June 1980 is hereby approved.

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to the Kingdom of Belgium.

Done at Brussels, 28 October 1980.

For the Commission

Finn GUNDELACH

Vice-President

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[1] OJ No L 51, 23. 2. 1977, p. 1.