COMMISSION DECISION

of 17 December 1980

approving a programme for fruit and vegetable processing in the Land North Rhine-Westphalia pursuant to Council Regulation (EEC) No 355/77

(Only the German text is authentic)

(80/1318/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, on 6 June 1980, the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany forwarded a programme for fruit and vegetable processing in the Land North Rhine-Westphalia and on 10 November 1980 provided additional details;

Whereas this programme relates to the whole fruit and vegetable sector, the modernization, rationalization, development as well as the improved siting of processing facilities and ancillary facilities (especially storage facilities) in order to improve the competitiveness of the sector, to increase the value of fruit and vegetable production and to guarantee outlets to growers as well as to improve their income; whereas it is therefore a programme within the meaning of Article 2 of Regulation (EEC) No 355/77;

Whereas the approval of the programme does not prejudice the decisions to be taken under Article 14 of Regulation (EEC) No 355/77 in the matter of Community financing of projects for the development of processing capacity in view notably of confirming if, especially for the traditional conserved products, the new capacity corresponds closely to the market outlets;

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 sector concerned; whereas the schedule for implementation of the programme does not exceed the time limit laid down in Article 3 (1) (g) of the said 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 fruit and vegetable processing in the Land North Rhine-Westphalia submitted by the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany pursuant to Regulation (EEC) No 355/77 on 6 June 1980 and supplemented on 10 November 1980 is hereby approved.

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to the Federal Republic of Germany.

Done at Brussels, 17 December 1980.

For the Commission

Finn GUNDELACH

Vice-President

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