# COMMISSION DECISION

## of 17 December 1980

## approving a programme for fruit processing in Belgium pursuant to Council Regulation (EEC) No 355/77

**(Only the French and Dutch texts are authentic)**

(80/1320/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 5 August 1980, the Belgian Government forwarded a programme for fruit processing;

Whereas this programme relates to the rationalization and modernization of the processing industry (especially by increased automation of production processes, diversification of products and their packaging, and elimination of bottlenecks existing at present) as well as the development of the industry for those products which show good market prospects; whereas, therefore, the programme has the objectives of improving the situation and competitiveness of the sector and increasing the value of fruit production and is therefore a programme within the meaning of Article 2 of Regulation (EEC) No 355/77;

Whereas approval of the programme does not affect the decisions to be taken under Article 14 of Regulation (EEC) No 355/77 in the matter of Community financing of projects relating to the development of processing capacities in order notably to verify 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 processed fruit production sector; 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 processing submitted by the Belgian Government pursuant to Regulation (EEC) No 355/77 on 5 August 1980 is hereby approved.

*Article 2*

This Decision is addressed to the Kingdom of Belgium.

Done at Brussels, 17 December 1980.

*For the Commisssion*

Finn GUNDELACH

*Vice-President*

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