COMMISSION DECISION

of 17 December 1980

approving a programme for the cheese industry in the Land Baden-Württemberg pursuant to Council Regulation (EEC) No 355/77

(Only the German text is authentic)

(80/1323/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 March 1980, the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany forwarded a programme for the cheese industry in the Land Baden-Württemberg and on 27 August 1980 provided additional details;

Whereas the said programme relates to the rationalization, modernization and extension of cheese production facilities (including ageing and ripening) as well as ancillary facilities (especially milk storage and reception) in order to adapt the structure of cheese-making to the evolution of milk production and the changes on the market, to increase the value of production and thus improve producers' incomes;

Whereas approval of the programme can only be given subject to future Community policy for rectifying the structural surpluses in the milk sector;

Whereas approval of the programme does not extend to projects for whey powder production or those which would increase milk-processing capacity or relating to certain types of cheese for which there is already over-capacity and whose market outlets are not guaranteed;

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 concerned sector in Baden-Württemberg; 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

1. The programme for the cheese industry in the Land Baden-Württemberg submitted by the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany pursuant to Regulation (EEC) No 355/77 on 6 March 1980 and supplemented on 27 August 1980 is hereby approved.

2. Approval of the programme does not extend to projects for whey powder production or those which would increase milk-processing capacity or relating to certain types of cheese for which there is already over-capacity and whose market outlets are not guaranteed.

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.