COMMISSION DECISION

of 22 January 1980

approving a regional programme for Northern Ireland, pursuant to Regulation (EEC) No 355/77

(Only the English text is authentic)

(80/174/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 Government of the United Kingdom communicated on 8 May 1978 a regional programme for Northern Ireland pursuant to Regulation (EEC) No 355/77, and on 14 September 1978 and 2 January 1979 supplied additional information ;

Whereas the said programme covers the modernization, rationalization and expansion of marketing, processing and storage facilities for :

— beef and veal, sheepmeat and pigmeat,

— poultrymeat and eggs,

— ancillary industries (beef and veal, pigmeat and poultrymeat),

— milk and milk products,

— fishery products,

— cold stores, in particular for butter and meat,

— cereals and feedingstuffs,

— horticultural products,

— potatoes,

— seed,

— flax,

with the aim of improving the techniques of processing and marketing and hence the quantity and quality of the products processed and marketed, thereby ensuring the maximum value added of the basic products ; whereas it therefore constitutes a programme within the meaning of Article 2 of Regulation (EEC) No 355/77 ;

Whereas, in so far as the programme relates to milk and milk products, approval may only be given subject to future Community policy designed to cope with the structural surpluses in this sector, and in any event may extend only to those parts unconnected with the manufacture of milk powder and butter ;

Whereas approval of the programme, taking into account the foregoing, does not affect decisions to be taken in pursuance of Article 14 of Regulation (EEC) No 355/77 relating to Community finance for projects, and in particular for those which could have the direct or indirect effect of increasing the manufacture of milk powder and butter ;

Whereas approval of the programme does not affect the approval of projects, in particular those in pursuance of Article 9 of Regulation (EEC) No 355/77, relating to the cereal and animal foodstuffs sectors ;

Whereas, in so far as the regional programme concerns the erection and modernization of cold stores, approval may extend only to that part which is connected with processing and marketing facilities and whose purpose is not the storage of intervention products ;

Whereas, in so far as the regional programme relates to the fisheries sector, the programme may be approved only subject to decisions to be taken on the common fisheries policy ;

Whereas the regional programme contains sufficient details as referred to in Article 3 of Regulation (EEC) No 355/77, which indicate that the objectives laid down in Article 1 of the said Regulation can be achieved in respect of the abovementioned sectors ; whereas the scheduled period for implementation of the programme does not exceed the 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 and, in so far as the fisheries sector is concerned, that of the Standing Committee for the Fishing Industry,

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

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION :

Article 1

The regional programme for Northern Ireland communicated by the Government of the United Kingdom pursuant to Regulation (EEC) No 355/77 is hereby approved as regards the following sectors :

— beef and veal, sheepmeat and pigmeat,
— eggs and poultrymeat,
— ancillary industries (beef and veal, pigmeat and poultrymeat),
— milk and milk products, excluding production of milk powder and butter,
— fishery products,
— cold stores, provided that they are connected with processing and marketing facilities and are not intended for the storage of intervention products,
— cereals and feedingstuffs,
— horticultural products,
— potatoes,
— seed.

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to the United Kingdom.

Done at Brussels, 22 January 1980.

For the Commission

Finn GUNDELACH

Vice-President