COMMISSION DECISION

of 20 March 1980

approving a programme under Regulation (EEC) No 355/77 for meat processing and the manufacture of meat products in France

(Only the French text is authentic)

(80/397/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 24 January 1979 the French Government forwarded the programme for meat processing and the manufacture of meat products and supplied additional details on 13 November 1979 ;

Whereas the said programme relates to the reorganization, modernization, rationalization and expansion of facilities for the primary and secondary processing of meat (slaughtering and cutting) from cattle, pigs, sheep and goats and facilities for the tertiary processing of beef and veal, pigmeat and poultrymeat with the aim of improving the profitability of those facilities and increasing the incomes of stock farmers ; whereas the programme therefore constitutes a programme within the meaning of Article 2 of Regulation (EEC) No 355/77 ;

Whereas the programme contains sufficient details to comply with Article 3 of Regulation (EEC) No 355/77, showing that the objectives laid down in Article 1 of that Regulation can be achieved in the sector in question ; 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 meat processing and manufacture of meat products notified by the French Government on 24 January 1979 pursuant to Regulation (EEC) No 355/77 and supplemented on 13 November 1979 is hereby approved.

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to the French Republic.

Done at Brussels, 20 March 1980.

For the Commission

Finn GUNDELACH

Vice-President

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