COMMISSION DECISION

of 20 March 1980

approving a programme under Regulation (EEC) No 355/77 for processed fruit and vegetables in France

(Only the French text is authentic)

(80/398/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 25 January 1979 the French Government forwarded a programme for processed fruit and vegetables and on 19 November 1979 provided additional information ;

Whereas this programme concerns the expansion of processing capacities in the whole processed fruit and vegetable industry as well as the modernization and rationalization of ancillary facilities (storage and packaging facilities) in order to improve the competitiveness of the industry, reduce the specific risks to which it is exposed, make optimum use of industrial processing plant and increase the value of fruit and vegetable production ; whereas it therefore constitutes a programme within the meaning of Regulation (EEC) No 355/77 ;

Whereas approval of the programme does not affect decisions under Article 14 of Regulation (EEC) No 355/77 on the Community financing of projects, in particular as regards an examination as to whether the new capacities will actually find the sales outlets envisaged in the programme and whether the conditions of Articles 9 and 18 of that Regulation have been fulfilled ;

Whereas the programme includes sufficient details to comply with Article 3 of Regulation (EEC) No 355/77, showing that the objectives laid down listed in Article 1 of that Regulation can be achieved in the processed fruit and vegetable sector in France ; whereas the estimated time for implementation of the programme does not exceed the period 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 processed fruit and vegetables which was forwarded by the French Government on 25 January 1979 pursuant to Regulation (EEC) No 355/77 and on which additional information was provided on 19 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

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