COMMISSION DECISION

of 24 June 1980

approving a French programme on wine-making facilities in the Mediterranean region pursuant to Council Regulation (EEC) No 355/77

(Only the French text is authentic)

(80/654/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 French Government forwarded the programme on wine-making facilities in the Mediterranean region on 4 January 1980 and supplied additional information on 18 April 1980 ;

Whereas the programme relates to the development, modernization and rationalization of facilities for the making, storage, ageing, bottling and marketing of wine and facilities for derived products, and the making of concentrated musts with the aim of improving quality, adapting to market requirements, diversifying production and thus improving and stabilizing the profitability of the sector ; whereas it therefore constitutes a programme within the meaning of Article 2 of Regulation (EEC) No 355/77 ;

Whereas approval of the programme does not extend to projects the purpose of which is primarily the production and marketing of products not listed in Annex II to the Treaty ; whereas it also relates only to projects covering wines for which sales prospects are good by reason of their type and quality ;

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 wine sector in the French Mediterranean region ; 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

1. The programme on wine-making facilities in the Mediterranean region, submitted by the French Government pursuant to Regulation (EEC) No 355/77 on 4 January 1980 and in respect of which additional information was supplied on 18 April 1980, is hereby approved.

2. Approval of the programme does not extend to projects the purpose of which is primarily the production and marketing of products not listed in Annex II to the Treaty. Moreover, it relates only to projects covering wines for which sales prospects are good by reason of their type and quality.

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to the French Republic.

Done at Brussels, 24 June 1980.

For the Commission

Finn GUNDELACH

Vice-President

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