COMMISSION DECISION

of 24 June 1980

approving a programme relating to the slaughtering and processing of beef in the Netherlands, pursuant to Council Regulation (EEC) No 355/77

(Only the Dutch text is authentic)

(80/671/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 30 March 1979 the Government of the Netherlands notified a programme relating to the slaughtering and processing of beef and on 5 November 1979 provided additional details;

Whereas the said programme concerns the rationalization of the beef slaughter sector by the modernization and expansion of, in particular, cutting, cooling and refrigeration facilities in medium and large slaughterhouses in order to raise levels of utilization, lower unit costs and thus stabilize producers' incomes; whereas it therefore constitutes a programme within the meaning of Article 2 of Regulation (EEC) No 355/77;

Whereas the programme contains the details referred to in Article 3 of Regulation (EEC) No 355/77, showing that the objectives laid down in Article 1 of the said Regulation can be achieved in respect of beef production; whereas the scheduled time 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,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The programme relating to the slaughtering and processing of beef pursuant to Regulation (EEC) No 355/77, communicated by the Government of the Netherlands on 30 March 1979 and supplemented on 5 November 1979, is hereby approved.

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to the Kingdom of the Netherlands.

Done at Brussels, 24 June 1980.

For the Commission

Finn GUNDELACH

Vice-President

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