COMMISSION DECISION

of 24 June 1980

on the approval of a programme relating to the processing and marketing of horticultural products in England and Wales pursuant to Council Regulation (EEC) No 355/77

(Only the English text is authentic)

(80/675/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 15 November 1979 the Government of the United Kingdom forwarded a programme relating to the processing and marketing of horticultural products in England and Wales and on 24 March 1980 provided additional information ;

Whereas this programme concerns the expansion and modernization of sorting and packaging plants, including the associated facilities, for horticultural products (fruit, vegetable and non-edible products) and also of processing plants for fruit juice production and refrigeration facilities, with a view to the better adaptation of production and sales to market requirements as regards quantity, quality and presentation, thus preventing fluctuations in producers' incomes ; whereas it therefore constitues a programme within the meaning of Article 2 of Regulation (EEC) No 355/77 ;

Whereas the programme includes sufficient of the details listed in Article 3 of Regulation (EEC) No 355/77 to show that the objectives listed in Article 1 of that Regulation can be achieved in the horticultural products sector ; 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 relating to the processing and marketing of horticultural products in England and Wales forwarded by the Government of the United Kingdom on 15 November 1979 pursuant to Regulation (EEC) No 355/77 and on which additional information was provided on 24 March 1980 is hereby approved.

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to the United Kingdom.

Done at Brussels, 24 June 1980.

For the Commission

Finn GUNDELACH

Vice-President

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