COMMISSION DECISION

of 21 April 1981

amending Decision 77/533/EEC setting up within the Advisory Committee on Feedingstuffs a Special Section on the Approximation of Laws

(81/307/EEC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,

Whereas a Special Section on the Approximation of Laws was set up within the Advisory Committee on Feedingstuffs by Commission Decision 77/533/EEC [1],

Whereas the rules governing the Special Section should be adjusted in the light of experience gained since its creation on 29 July 1977;

Whereas, following the dissolution of the Committee of Commercial Organizations in the EEC countries (COCCEE), one of the bodies referred to in Article 4 (1) of Commission Decision 77/533/EEC, new organizations representing commerce within the Community should be listed,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

Decision 77/533/EEC is hereby amended as follows:

1. Article 3 shall be replaced by the following:

'*Article 3*

1. The Section shall comprise 12 permanent members and a maximum of 24 non-permanent members.

2. The permanent members shall be responsible for coordinating work within their group.

3. Seats for permanent members shall be allocated as follows:

— two to agricultural producers,

— two to agricultural cooperatives,

— two to industry,

— two to commerce,

— two to workers,

— two to consumers.

4. The interests listed in paragraph 3 may each appoint a maximum of four non-permanent members.'

2. Article 4 shall be replaced by the following:

'*Article 4*

1. The permanent members of the Section shall be appointed by the Commission on proposals from the following bodies:

— agricultural producers:

the Committee of Agricultural Organizations in the European Economic Community (COPA),

— agricultural cooperatives:

the General Committee for Agricultural Cooperation in the European Economic Community (COGECA),

— industry:

the Union of Industries of the European Community (UNICE),

— commerce:

the Community-level trade organizations most representative of that category,

— workers:

the European Trade Union Confederation (ETUC),

— consumers:

the Consumer's Consultative Committee set up by Commission Decision 73/306/EEC of 25 September 1973 [1].

2. The said bodies shall put forward two candidates of different nationality in respect of each seat to be filled, each from a different Member State of the Community.

3. The bodies referred to in paragraph 1 shall propose to the Commission, by letter addressed at least eight days before each meeting to the department of the Commission responsible for the provision of secretarial services pursuant to Article 9 (3), their other representatives in the Section.'

[1] OJ No L 211, 19. 8. 1977, p. 10.

[1] OJ No L 283, 10. 10. 1973, p. 18.

3. The following Article 9a shall be inserted :

'Article 9a

1. Acting on proposals from the bodies referred to in Article 4 (1), the Commission may appoint, for the duration of the term of office of the permanent members of the Section, observers responsible for the administrative links with the Section's secretariat.

2. Observers may attend meetings of the Section and of the working groups ; they shall not take part in discussions'.

Article 2

This Decision shall enter into force on 21 April 1981.

Done at Brussels, 21 April 1981.

For the Commission

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