COMMISSION DECISION

of 10 June 1981

approving a programme relating to processing and marketing in the potato sector of Ireland pursuant to Council Regulation (EEC) No 355/77

(Only the English text is authentic)

(81/456/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 22 September 1980 the Irish Government forwarded the programme relating to processing and marketing in the potato sector and on 23 October 1980 and 9 February 1981 provided additional details ;

Whereas this programme relates to investment in the potato sector concerning

— the improvement of handling and storage facilities,

— the creation of new grading and packing facilities,

— the improvement of distribution and marketing,

— the creation of new processing facilities

with the aim of making this sector more efficient, improving quality and presentation and thus developing farming in this sector ; whereas it is therefore a programme within the meaning of Article 2 of Regulation (EEC) No 355/77 ;

Whereas approval of the programme does not affect the decisions to be taken pursuant to Article 14 of Regulation (EEC) No 355/77 concerning Community aid for projects, in particular as regards verifying that marketing outlets foreseen in the programme are in fact available for the projected new processing capacity ;

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 sector concerned ; whereas the schedule for implementation of the programme does not exceed the time limit laid down in Article 3 (1) (g) of this 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 processing and marketing in the potato sector pursuant to Regulation (EEC) No 355/77, submitted by the Irish Government on 22 September 1980 and supplied on 23 October 1980 and 9 February 1981, is hereby approved.

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to Ireland.

Done at Brussels, 10 June 1981.

For the Commission

The President

Gaston THORN

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