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COUNCIL

COUNCIL DECISION

of 6 July 1981

amending Decision 76/557/EEC regarding the inclusion of certain disaster-stricken communes in Italy among the mountain areas within the meaning of Directive 75/268/EEC on mountain and hill farming and farming in certain less-favoured areas

(81/495/EEC)

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community, and in particular Articles 42 and 43 thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission (1),

Having regard to the opinion of the European Parliament (2),

Whereas, by Council Decision 76/557/EEC of 21 June 1976 regarding the inclusion of certain disaster-stricken communes in Italy among the mountain areas within the meaning of Directive 75/268/EEC on mountain and hill farming and farming in certain less-favoured areas (3), as amended by Decision 79/342/EEC (4), a certain number of predominantly agricultural communes of the Friuli-Venezia Giulia region which were severely affected by an earthquake in May 1976 were included for a period of four years among the mountain areas appearing on the list of these areas as defined by Council Directive 75/273/EEC (5);

Whereas, since the effects of the damage caused by the earthquake still remain, the period of inclusion should be extended,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

Article 1 of Decision 76/557/EEC shall be replaced by the following:

'Article 1

The communes and parts of communes listed in the Annex shall be included for the period up to 31 December 1985 among the mountain areas defined in Article 3 (3) of Directive 75/268/EEC which appear on the list annexed to Directive 75/273/EEC.'

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to the Italian Republic.

Done at Brussels, 6 July 1981.

For the Council

The President

G. HOWE

(1) OJ No C 80, 8. 4. 1981, p. 7.
(2) OJ No C 144, 15. 6. 1981, p. 116.
(3) OJ No L 171, 30. 6. 1976, p. 34.
(4) OJ No L 83, 3. 4. 1979, p. 17.
(5) OJ No L 128, 19. 5. 1975, p. 72.