# COMMISSION DECISION

## of 25 June 1981

## approving a programme for the fishery products sector in England and Wales pursuant to Council Regulation (EEC) No 355/77

**(Only the English text is authentic)**

(81/522/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 the Government of the United Kingdom forwarded a programme for the fishing sector in England and Wales on 13 August 1980;

Whereas the said programme envisages further increasing the value of the resources available; whereas it aims to promote the development, restructuring and modernization of storage, processing and marketing facilities for fishery products; whereas it aims at the same time to improve the quality of the finished products, thereby assuring a greater value added to the basic products; whereas it thus constitutes a programme within the meaning of Article 2 of Regulation (EEC) No 355/77;

Whereas approval of the programme must be subject to the decisions which will be taken concerning the common fisheries policy;

Whereas pursuant to Article 9 of Regulation (EEC) No 355/77 projects under the programme must contribute to improving the situation of Community fishermen; whereas such does not appear to be the case for the facilities handling products withdrawn from the market or for the cold stores not directly linked with production, processing and marketing facilities for fishery products;

Whereas the Council has adopted certain measures for the conservation of resources in Community waters; whereas under those measures and pursuant to Article 1 of Regulation (EEC) No 355/77 it does not appear advisable to promote the development of facilities handling products fished specifically for processing into products not intended for human consumption;

Whereas the programme contains sufficient information, as required by Article 3 of Regulation (EEC) No 355/77, to show that the objectives laid down in Article 1 of the said Regulation can be achieved in respect of the fishing sector in England and Wales;

Whereas the time allowed for implementation of the programme does not exceed the period referred to in Article 3 (1) (g) of the Regulation;

Whereas the measures provided for in this Decision are in accordance with the joint opinion of the Standing Committee on Agricultural Structures and the Standing Committee for the Fishing Industry,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

*Article 1*

1. The regional programme for the fishery products sector in England and Wales, forwarded by the Government of the United Kingdom pursuant to Regulation (EEC) No 355/77 on 13 August 1980, is hereby approved subject to the decisions which will be taken concerning the common fisheries policy.

2. This approval shall not apply to the part of the programme dealing with the construction or modernization of fish meal and fish oil factories, except where such facilities are concerned exclusively with waste from fishery products, or to the part relating to the construction or modernization of cold stores, except where such stores are linked with production, processing or marketing facilities for fishery products.

*Article 2*

This Decision is addressed to the United Kingdom.

Done at Brussels, 25 June 1981.

*For the Commission*

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*Member of the Commission*

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