COMMISSION DECISION

of 26 July 1982

amending Decision 78/706/EEC on certain administrative procedures for the operation of the European Social Fund

(82/541/EEC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 2396/71 of 8 November 1971 implementing the Council Decision of 1 February 1971 on the reform of the European Social Fund (1), as amended by Regulation (EEC) No 2893/77 (2), and in particular Article 13 thereof,

Whereas, to fulfil its intended role of contributing to the sound financial management of the European Social Fund, the time limit fixed in Article 4 of Decision 78/706/EEC must be strictly enforced;

Whereas, to ensure legal certainty, this should be clearly and unequivocally stated in the text of the aforementioned instrument,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

Article 4 of Decision 78/706/EEC is hereby amended as follows:

1. The following sentence is added to paragraph 1:

'Requests for payment submitted after the expiry of this time limit shall be considered as null and void.'

2. Paragraph 2 is replaced by the following:

'2. In respect of operations completed before 1 August 1981, Member States must submit requests for payment not yet presented within six months from the date of entry into force of this Decision.'

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 26 July 1982.

For the Commission

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(1) OJ No L 249, 10. 11. 1971, p. 54.
(2) OJ No L 337, 27. 12. 1977, p. 1.