COMMISSION DECISION

of 24 April 1985

on the multiannual guidance programme in respect of aquaculture submitted by the Federal Republic of Germany pursuant to Council Regulation (EEC) No 2908/83

(Only the German text is authentic)

(85/278/EEC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 2908/83 of 4 October 1983 on a common measure for restructuring, modernizing and developing the fishing industry and for developing aquaculture [1], and in particular Article 5 thereof,

Whereas on 15 June 1984 the German Government forwarded a multiannual guidance programme in respect of aquaculture, hereinafter referred to as 'the programme'; whereas on 29 November 1984 it forwarded the latest additional information concerning the programme;

Whereas, in accordance with the first paragraph of Article 3 of Regulation (EEC) No 2908/83, the time required for the execution of the programme covers at least the proposed duration of the common measure;

Whereas the programme contains the information referred to in Article 4 of Regulation (EEC) No 2908/83;

Whereas a feature of aquaculture in Germany is the very slight development of fish farming in sea waters; whereas almost all fish farming in Germany is carried out in fresh water and mainly involves the rearing of trout and carp;

Whereas the programme proposes chiefly to rationalize and develop trout and carp rearing and, to a lesser extent, to increase freshwater production of other species; whereas the programme proposes chiefly to rationalize and develop trout and carp rearing and, to a lesser extent, to increase freshwater production of other species; whereas the Commission cannot approve that part of the programme relating to trout and carp in view of the difficult situation on the Community for these products;

Whereas the programme may, having regard to production potential, the demand for the products concerned and the guidelines of the common fisheries policy, constitute a suitable framework for projects which may qualify for financial support from the Community except for the part relating to trout and carp reared in fresh water;

Whereas the measures provided for in this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the Standing Committee for the Fishing Industry,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The multiannual guidance programme in respect of aquaculture forwarded by the German Government on 15 June 1984, as last supplemented on 29 November 1984, the main features of which are set out in Annex I hereto, is hereby approved subject to the provisions set out in Annex II hereto.

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to the Federal Republic of Germany.

Done at Brussels, 24 April 1985.

For the Commission
Frans ANDRIESSEN
Vice-President

[1] OJ No L 290, 22. 10. 1983, p. 1.

ANNEX I

MAIN FEATURES OF THE MULTIANNUAL GUIDANCE PROGRAMME IN RESPECT OF AQUACULTURE DRAWN UP BY THE GOVERNMENT OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF COUNCIL REGULATION (EEC) No 2908/83

1. **Objective of the programme**

Development of the freshwater aquaculture, taking into account the suitability of species for culture in Germany, rearing techniques, commercial viability and market prospects.

2. **Duration**

The programme will cover a three-year period from the beginning of 1983 until the end of 1985.

3. **Areas concerned**

The whole of the Federal Republic of Germany.

4. **Development policy**

Future activity will be concentrated on species for which proven rearing technology exists. Among these species the most important are:

(a) trout;

(b) carp;

(c) eels.

5. **Production targets**

The production targets to be achieved by the end of the programme in 1985 are stabilization of current production of trout and carp and a significant increase in other products, in particular eels.

6. **Investment requirement**

Investments of about 13,3 million ECU are required during the period covered by the programme.

ANNEX II

FINAL CONCLUSIONS

1. The Commission notes that the programme submitted by the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany as a framework for future Community and national financing schemes constitutes a initial measure to guide investments in aquaculture. However, in view of the situation on the Community market for trout and carp reared exclusively in fresh water, and pending the findings of a more detailed study of the foreseeable development of this market, the Commission cannot approve the part of the programme relating to these products.

2. The Commission points out that the investment requirement contained in the programme does not imply any commitment as regards financial support from the Community.

3. The Commission considers that the programme targets and their attainment should form the subject of a more detailed analysis within the framework of the annual review referred to in Article 6 of the Regulation (EEC) No 2908/83 in the light of developments in the structural and economic situation of fish farms in Germany.
