COMMISSION DECISION

of 24 April 1985

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

(Only the Danish text is authentic)

(85/280/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 30 November 1984 the Danish Government forwarded a multiannual guidance programme in respect of aquaculture, hereinafter referred to as 'the programme'; whereas on 5 February 1985 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 aquaculture in Denmark is in its initial stages and the main objective of the programme is to lay foundation for future development;

Whereas the programme does not allow for public funds for fish farming carried out exclusively in fresh water, except in respect of eels;

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;

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 Danish Government on 30 November 1984, as last supplemented on 5 February 1985, 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 Kingdom of Denmark.

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 DANISH GOVERNMENT WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF COUNCIL REGULATION (EEC) No 2908/83

1. **Objective of the programme**

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

2. **Duration**

The programme will cover the three years from the beginning of 1985 until the end of 1987.

3. **Areas concerned**

The whole of Denmark (excepting Greenland and the Faroe Islands) is covered by the programme.

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 in seawater;

(b) eels;

(c) oysters and mussels.

The programme does not allow for public funds for the rearing of trout in fresh water.

5. **Production targets**

The target total annual production to be achieved between 1995 and 2000 is:

— trout reared in sea water: 5 000 tonnes,

— eels: 3 000 tonnes,

— oysters: 1 to 5 million per year,

— mussels: present production amounts to a few hundred tonnes and might be increased depending on market conditions.

6. **Investment**

To achieve these production targets an investment of about 15 million ECU would be necessary during the period covered by the programme.

National aid to be allocated to these investments may be estimated at 0,7 million ECU.

ANNEX II

FINAL CONCLUSIONS

1. The Commission notes that the programme submitted by the Danish Government as a framework for future Community and national financing schemes constitutes an initial measure to guide investments in aquaculture in Denmark; it agrees with the Danish authorities' analysis of the development potential seawater aquaculture and eel rearing, in particular in fresh water.

2. The Commission points out that the investments 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 Regulation (EEC) No 2908/83 in the light of developments in the structural and economic situation of fish farms in Denmark.
