COMMISSION DECISION

of 13 December 1985

approving an amendment to the programme on the slaughter and processing of pigs in the Netherlands pursuant to Council Regulation (EEC) No 355/77

(Only the Dutch text is authentic)

(85/604/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 and fishery products are processed and marketed [1], as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 1247/85 [2], and in particular Article 5 thereof,

Whereas on 23 January 1985 the Netherlands Government notified a second amendment to the programme on the slaughter and processing of pigs approved by Commission Decision 80/674/EEC [3], as first amended by Decision 83/599/EEC [4]; whereas it provided further information on 14 May and 4 June 1985;

Whereas the implementation of the original programme has made a marked contribution towards enlarging slaughterhouses, which are getting closer to their optimum size; whereas investment in chilling capacity has increased appreciably and no longer constitutes the weak point in the chain of operations linked to slaughter; whereas on the other hand the need for certain other investments, concerning the environment, can be allowed for;

Whereas when the amended programme is being implemented, therefore, only projects for modernizing slaughterhouses with a technical slaughter capacity of at least 200 000 pigs per year and whose average rate of use of slaughter capacity three years after the completion of the work is at least 60 % of their technical capacity calculated over a period of a working year of 1 800 hours will be considered for Community financing; whereas investment in the cutting of meat linked with slaughter will be permitted; whereas projects to increase chilling capacity may no longer be subsidized; whereas on the other hand, investment in the environment such as equipment to purify waste water and to control pollution caused by noise and odours and investment in energy saving may now be considered;

Whereas the purpose of this amendment is to update and prolong the programme until 1990; whereas it meets the objectives and conditions of Regulation (EEC) No 355/77;

Whereas the Standing Committee on Agricultural Structure has not delivered an opinion within the time limit set by its chairman,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The amendment to the programme communicated by the Netherlands Government on 23 January 1985 and supplemented on 14 May and 4 June 1985 on the slaughter and processing of pigs pursuant to Regulation (EEC) No 355/77 is hereby approved.

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to the Kingdom of the Netherlands.

Done at Brussels, 13 December 1985.

For the Commission

Frans ANDRIESSEN

Vice-President

(1) OJ No L 51, 23. 2. 1977, p. 1.
(2) OJ No L 130, 16. 5. 1985, p. 1.
(3) OJ No L 185, 18. 7. 1980, p. 43.
(4) OJ No L 347, 9. 12. 1983, p. 53.