COMMISSION DECISION

of 13 December 1985

approving a programme relating to the slaughter and processing of calves in the Netherlands in accordance with Council Regulation (EEC) No 355/77

(Only the Dutch text is authentic)

(85/605/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 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 21 January 1985, the Netherlands Government notified a programme relating to the slaughter and processing of calves and, on 14 May and 4 June 1985, provided additional details;

Whereas the said programme relates to expenditure on:

— the modernization and rationalization of existing slaughterhouses,

— the modernization of cold-storage capacities without increasing such capacities, and the reduction of losses due to cold storage,

— the cutting of meat on premises adjacent to slaughterhouses,

— environmental improvement and energy-saving schemes;

Whereas, at present, only large slaughterhouses are competitive and whereas, therefore, in order to implement this programme effectively, consideration for Community financing will be given only to projects for the modernization and restructuring of slaughterhouses having a technical slaughtering capacity of at least 10 000 bovine animals per year and where the average utilization of slaughtering capacity, three years after the works have been completed, will reach a minimum of 60 % of the technical capacity on the basis of a working year of 1 800 hours; whereas expenditure on the cutting of meat at the place of slaughter is admissible; whereas projects to increase cold-storage capacity may not be subsidized; whereas expenditure on environmental improvement and energy-saving schemes may be taken into consideration;

Whereas the said programme aims to rationalize the slaughter and processing of calves by modernizing and restructuring large and medium-sized slaughterhouses; whereas this measure raises the level of utilization of slaughterhouses, reduces unit production costs and thus stabilizes producers' incomes; whereas it therefore constitutes a programme within the meaning of Article 2 of Regulation (EEC) No 355/77;

Whereas the programme contains a sufficient number of the details referred to in Article 3 of Regulation (EEC) No 355/77, showing that the objectives laid down in Article 1 of the said Regulation can be achieved in respect of veal production; whereas the scheduled time for implementation of the programme does not exceed the limit laid down in Article 3 (1) (g) of the Regulation;

Whereas the measure provided for in this Decision is in accordance with the opinion of the Standing Committee on Agricultural Structure,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The programme relating to the slaughter and processing of calves, communicated by the Government of the Netherlands on 21 January 1985 and supplemented on 14 May and 4 June 1985, in accordance with 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.